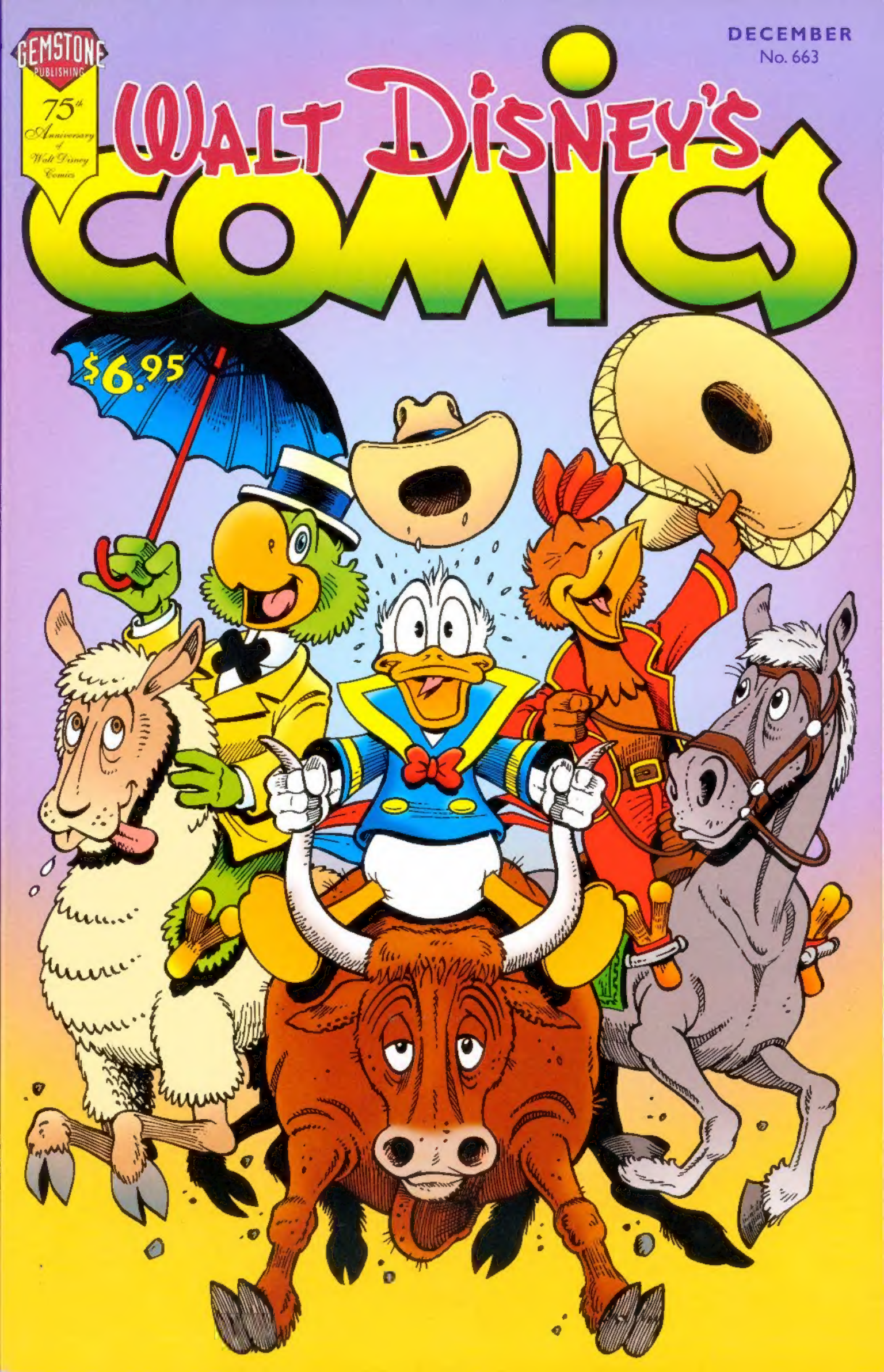
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This issue's third feature, Andold Wild Duck in "Mightier Than the Sword," perhaps requires some explanation, since it's one story in a series and the preceding stories were printed back in the early 1990s. The first, entitled "Andold Wild Duck," was published in Gladstone's *Donald Duck Adventures* 23 and was a book-length adventure. Written and drawn by Marco Rota, it was dialogued by Gary Gabner and began with Huey, Dewey and Louie reading a book that detailed the adventures of Donald's fierce ancestor, Andold.

The next two stories appeared in *Donald Duck* 300 and *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories 630,* respectively. But to further confuse everyone, the true first story has never seen print in the U.S.! What do you think? Time for an Andold collection?

—John Clark

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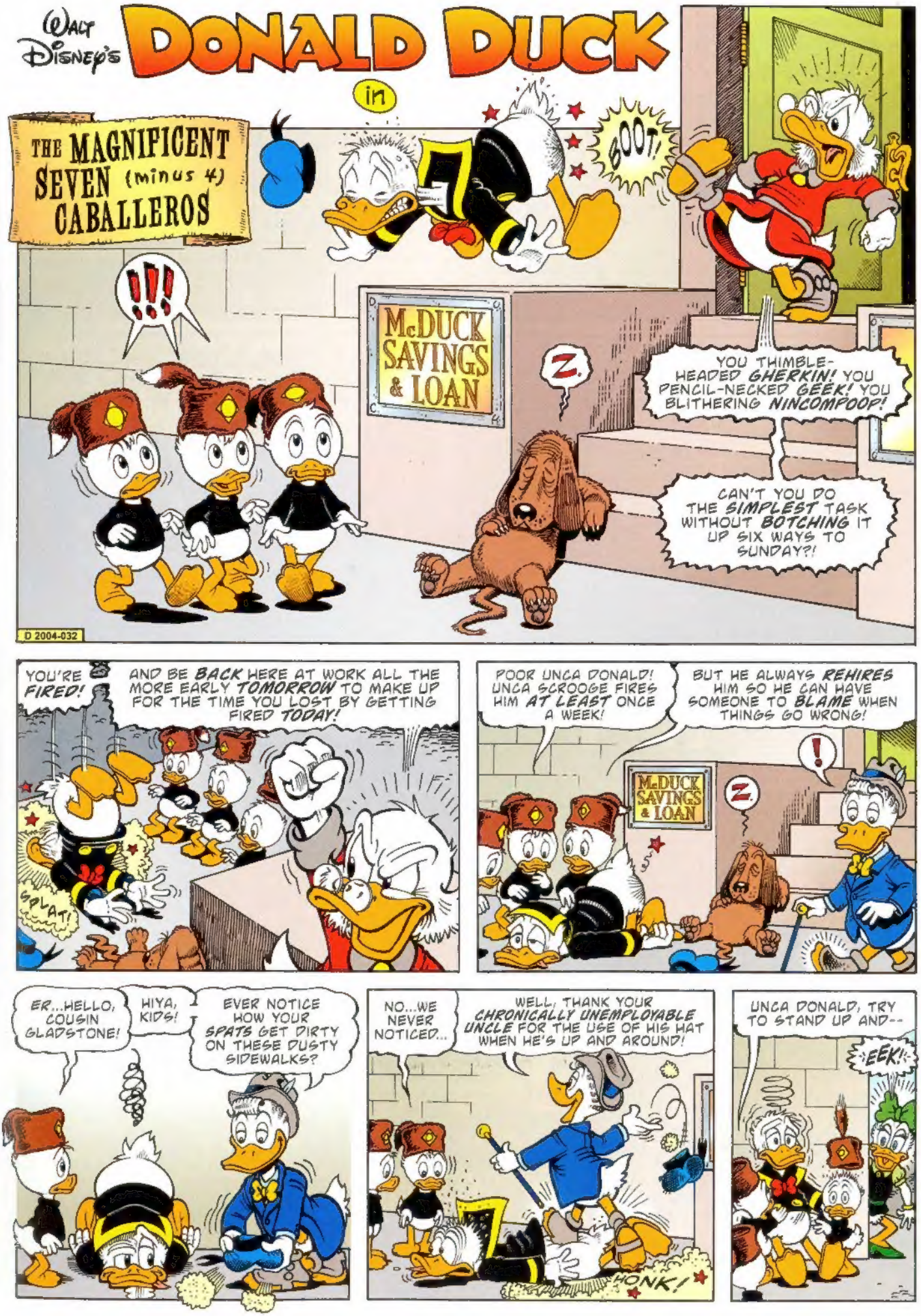
Walt Disney's DONALD DUCK
in
THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN (minus 4) CABALLEROS
BOOT!
!!!
McDUCK SAVINGS & LOAN
Z.
YOU THIMBLE-HEADED GHERKIN! YOU PENCIL-NECKED GEEK! YOU BLITHERING NINCOMPOOP!
CAN'T YOU DO THE SIMPLEST TASK WITHOUT BOTCHING IT UP SIX WAYS TO SUNDAY?!
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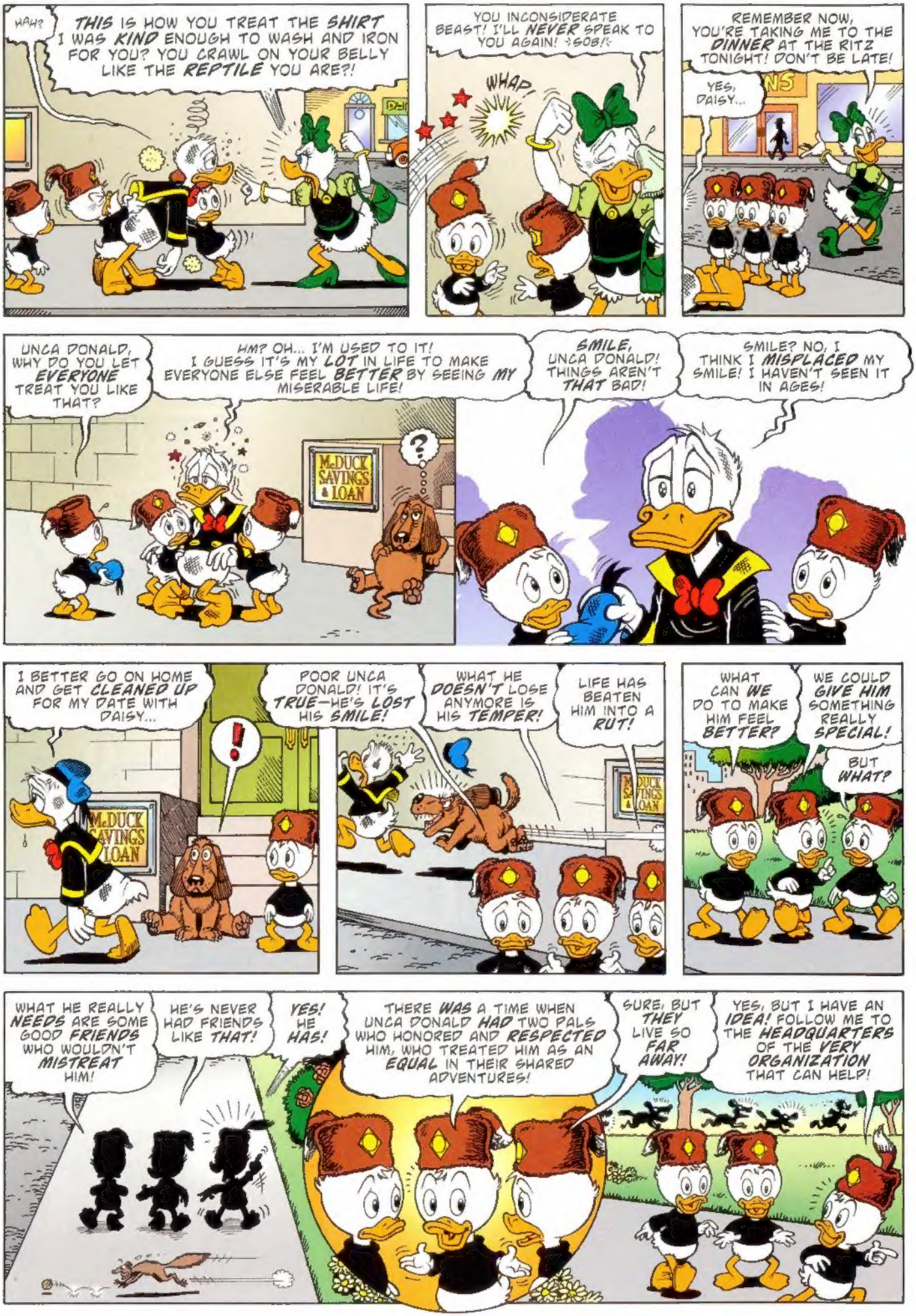
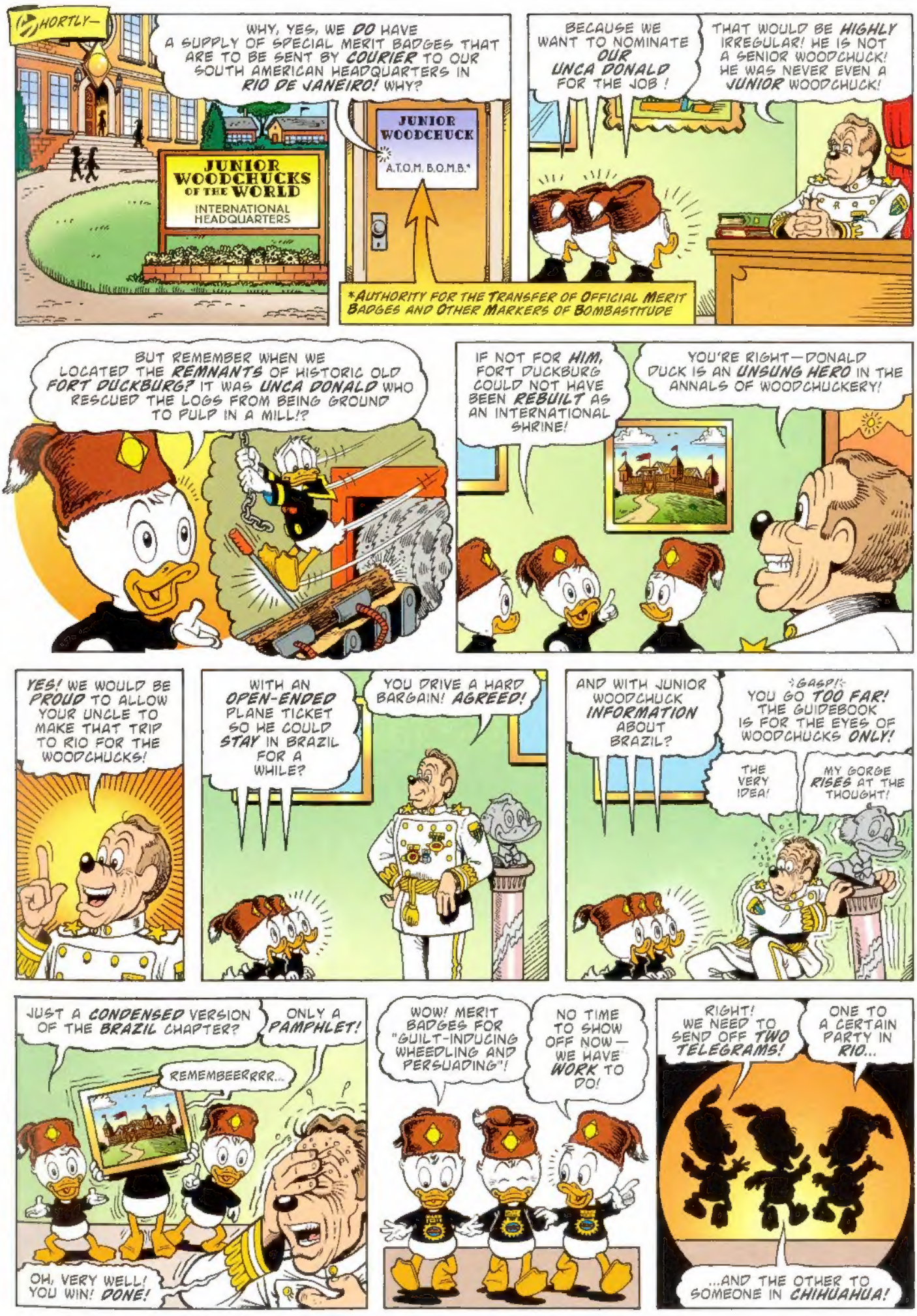
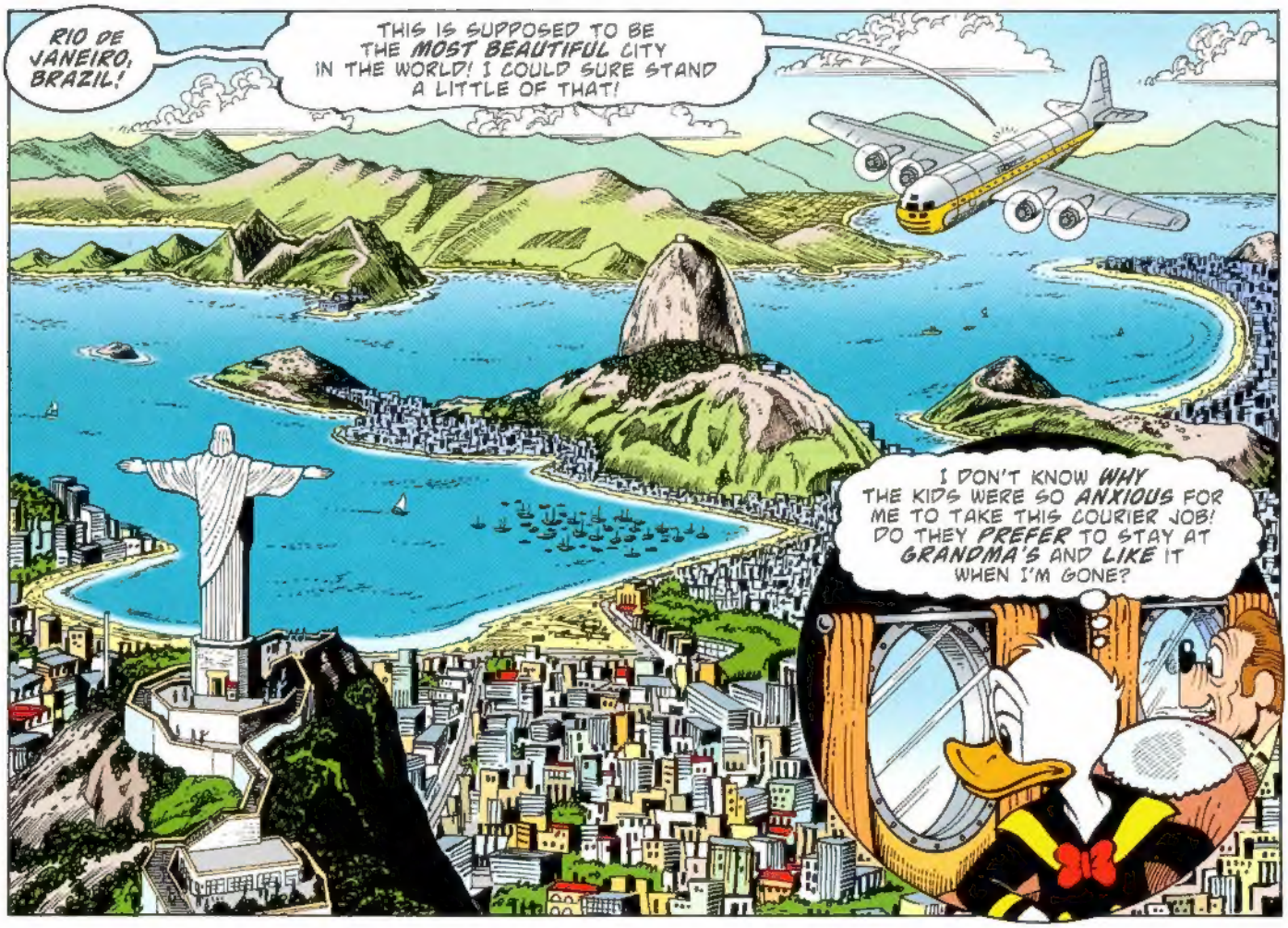
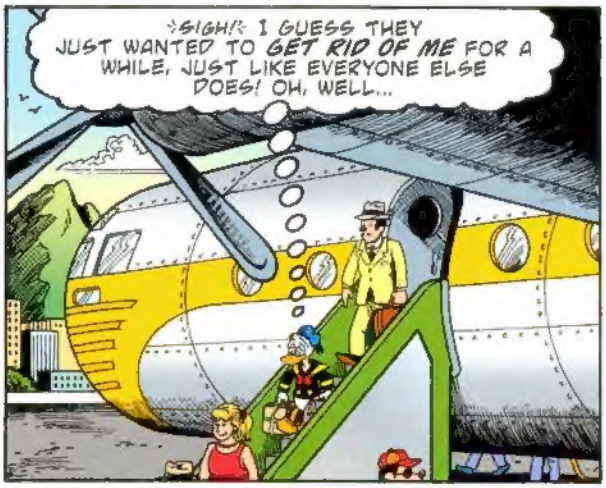
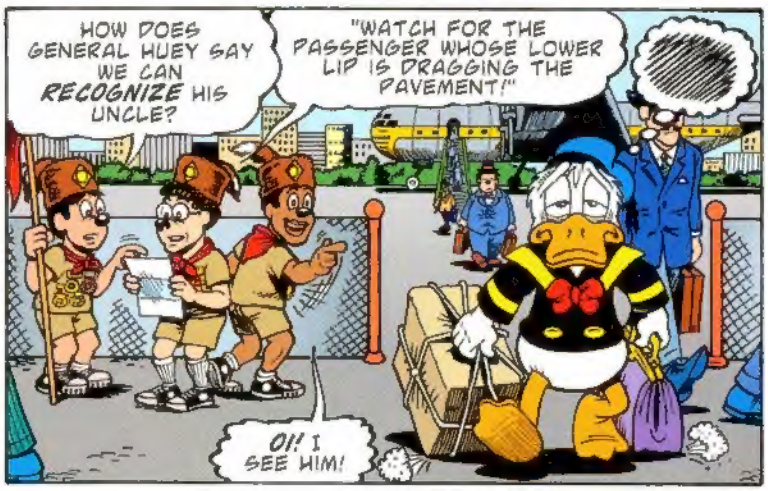
YOU'RE FIRED!
AND BE BACK HERE AT WORK ALL THE MORE EARLY TOMORROW TO MAKE UP FOR THE TIME YOU LOST BY GETTING FIRED TODAY!
SPLAT!
POOR UNCA DONALD! UNCA SCROOGE FIRES HIM AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK!
BUT HE ALWAYS REHIRES HIM SO HE CAN HAVE SOMEONE TO BLAME WHEN THINGS GO WRONG!
McDUCK SAVINGS & LOAN
Z.
!
ER...HELLO, COUSIN GLADSTONE!
HIYA, KIDS!
EVER NOTICE HOW YOUR SPATS GET DIRTY ON THESE DUSTY SIDEWALKS?
NO...WE NEVER NOTICED...
WELL, THANK YOUR CHRONICALLY UNEMPLOYABLE UNCLE FOR THE USE OF HIS HAT WHEN HE'S UP AND AROUND!
HONK!
UNCA DONALD, TRY TO STAND UP AND--
EEK!

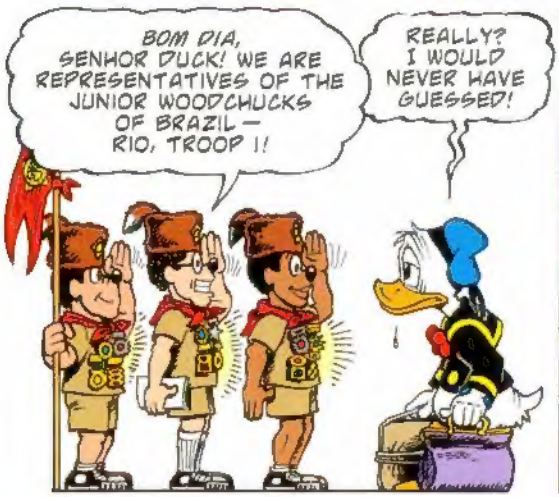

HAH?
THIS IS HOW YOU TREAT THE SHIRT I WAS KIND ENOUGH TO WASH AND IRON FOR YOU? YOU CRAWL ON YOUR BELLY LIKE THE REPTILE YOU ARE?!
YOU INCONSIDERATE BEAST! I'LL NEVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN! :SOB!:
WHAP!
REMEMBER NOW, YOU'RE TAKING ME TO THE DINNER AT THE RITZ TONIGHT! DON'T BE LATE!
YES, DAISY...
UNCA DONALD, WHY DO YOU LET EVERYONE TREAT YOU LIKE THAT?
HM? OH... I'M USED TO IT! I GUESS IT'S MY LOT IN LIFE TO MAKE EVERYONE ELSE FEEL BETTER BY SEEING MY MISERABLE LIFE!
McDUCK SAVINGS & LOAN
?
SMILE, UNCA DONALD! THINGS AREN'T THAT BAD!
SMILE? NO, I THINK I MISPLACED MY SMILE! I HAVEN'T SEEN IT IN AGES!
I BETTER GO ON HOME AND GET CLEANED UP FOR MY DATE WITH DAISY...
!
McDUCK SAVINGS & LOAN
POOR UNCA DONALD! IT'S TRUE—HE'S LOST HIS SMILE!
WHAT HE DOESN'T LOSE ANYMORE IS HIS TEMPER!
LIFE HAS BEATEN HIM INTO A RUT!
WHAT CAN WE DO TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER?
WE COULD GIVE HIM SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL!
BUT WHAT?
WHAT HE REALLY NEEDS ARE SOME GOOD FRIENDS WHO WOULDN'T MISTREAT HIM!
HE'S NEVER HAD FRIENDS LIKE THAT!
YES! HE HAS!
THERE WAS A TIME WHEN UNCA DONALD HAD TWO PALS WHO HONORED AND RESPECTED HIM, WHO TREATED HIM AS AN EQUAL IN THEIR SHARED ADVENTURES!
SURE, BUT THEY LIVE SO FAR AWAY!
YES, BUT I HAVE AN IDEA! FOLLOW ME TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE VERY ORGANIZATION THAT CAN HELP!

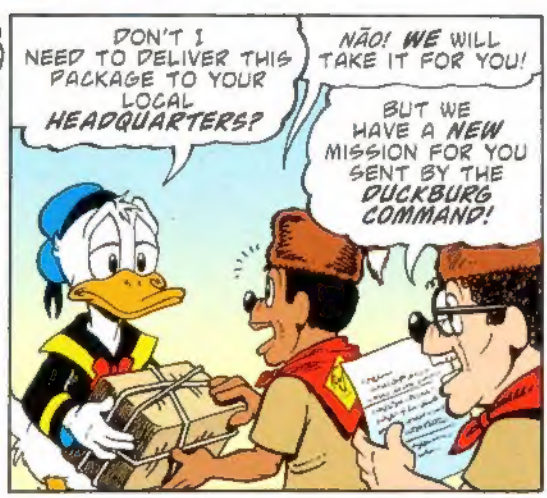

SHORTLY—
WHY, YES, WE DO HAVE A SUPPLY OF SPECIAL MERIT BADGES THAT ARE TO BE SENT BY COURIER TO OUR SOUTH AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN RIO DE JANEIRO! WHY?
JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS OF THE WORLD
INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
JUNIOR WOODCHUCK
A.T.O.M. B.O.M.B.*
BECAUSE WE WANT TO NOMINATE OUR UNCA DONALD FOR THE JOB!
THAT WOULD BE HIGHLY IRREGULAR! HE IS NOT A SENIOR WOODCHUCK! HE WAS NEVER EVEN A JUNIOR WOODCHUCK!
*AUTHORITY FOR THE TRANSFER OF OFFICIAL MERIT BADGES AND OTHER MARKERS OF BOMBASTITUDE
BUT REMEMBER WHEN WE LOCATED THE REMNANTS OF HISTORIC OLD FORT DUCKBURG? IT WAS UNCA DONALD WHO RESCUED THE LOGS FROM BEING GROUND TO PULP IN A MILL!?
IF NOT FOR HIM, FORT DUCKBURG COULD NOT HAVE BEEN REBUILT AS AN INTERNATIONAL SHRINE!
YOU'RE RIGHT—DONALD DUCK IS AN UNSUNG HERO IN THE ANNALS OF WOODCHUCKERY!
YES! WE WOULD BE PROUD TO ALLOW YOUR UNCLE TO MAKE THAT TRIP TO RIO FOR THE WOODCHUCKS!
WITH AN OPEN-ENDED PLANE TICKET SO HE COULD STAY IN BRAZIL FOR A WHILE?
YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN! AGREED!
AND WITH JUNIOR WOODCHUCK INFORMATION ABOUT BRAZIL?
GASP! YOU GO TOO FAR! THE GUIDEBOOK IS FOR THE EYES OF WOODCHUCKS ONLY!
THE VERY IDEA!
MY GORGE RISES AT THE THOUGHT!
JUST A CONDENSED VERSION OF THE BRAZIL CHAPTER?
ONLY A PAMPHLET!
REMEMBEERRRR...
OH, VERY WELL! YOU WIN! DONE!
WOW! MERIT BADGES FOR "GUILT-INDUCING WHEEDLING AND PERSUADING"!
NO TIME TO SHOW OFF NOW—WE HAVE WORK TO DO!
RIGHT! WE NEED TO SEND OFF TWO TELEGRAMS!
ONE TO A CERTAIN PARTY IN RIO...
...AND THE OTHER TO SOMEONE IN CHIHUAHUA!


RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL!
THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN THE WORLD! I COULD SURE STAND A LITTLE OF THAT!
I DON'T KNOW WHY THE KIDS WERE SO ANXIOUS FOR ME TO TAKE THIS COURIER JOB! DO THEY PREFER TO STAY AT GRANDMA'S AND LIKE IT WHEN I'M GONE?


SIGH! I GUESS THEY JUST WANTED TO GET RID OF ME FOR A WHILE, JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE DOES! OH, WELL...


HOW DOES GENERAL HUEY SAY WE CAN RECOGNIZE HIS UNCLE?
"WATCH FOR THE PASSENGER WHOSE LOWER LIP IS DRAGGING THE PAVEMENT!"
OI! I SEE HIM!


BOM DIA, SENHOR DUCK! WE ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS OF BRAZIL— RIO, TROOP 1!
REALLY? I WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED!


DON'T I NEED TO DELIVER THIS PACKAGE TO YOUR LOCAL HEADQUARTERS?
NÃO! WE WILL TAKE IT FOR YOU!
BUT WE HAVE A NEW MISSION FOR YOU SENT BY THE DUCKBURG COMMAND!

"BE AT THE OBSERVATION DECK ATOP SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN AT NOON TODAY! MORE INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW!"
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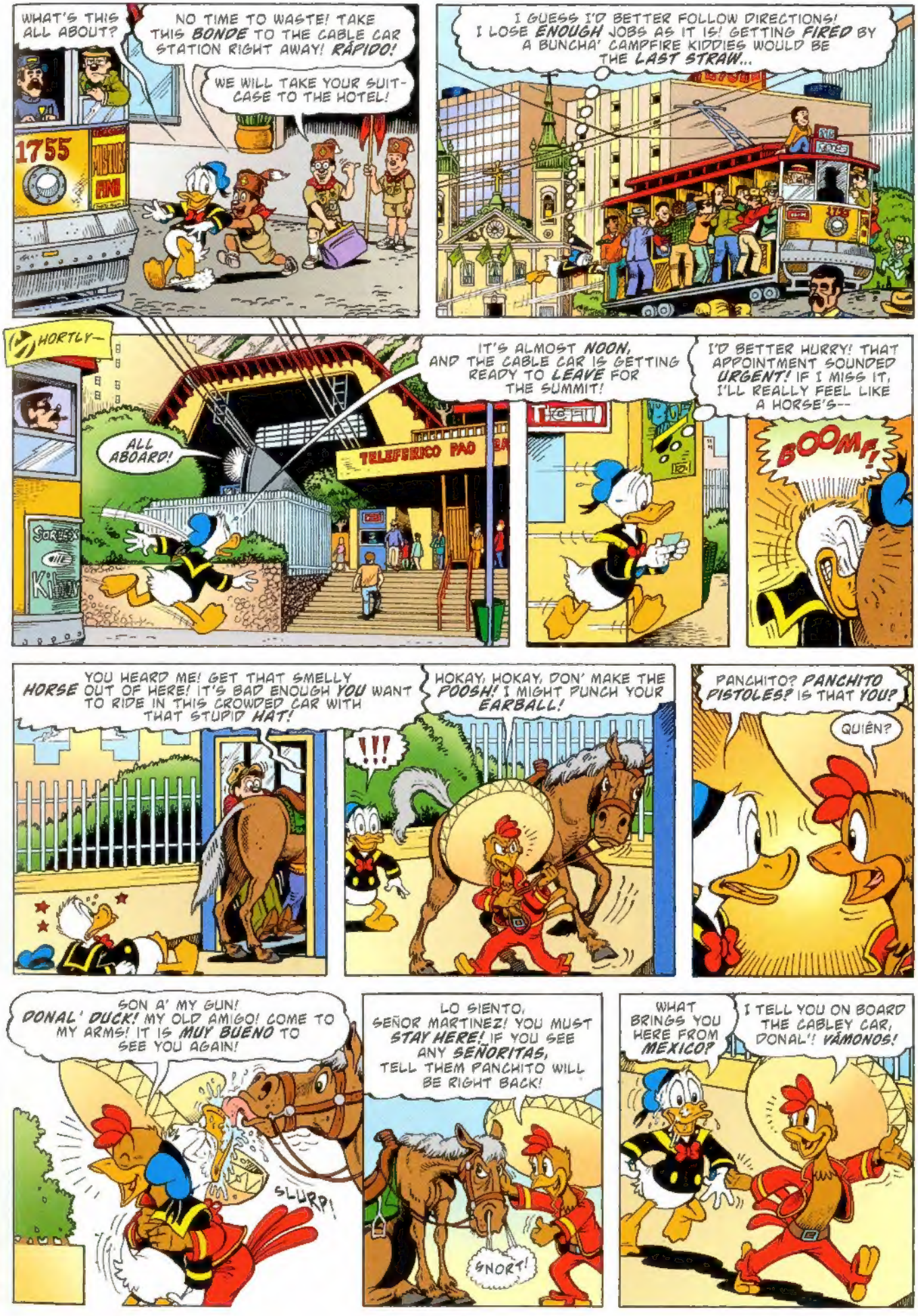
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
NO TIME TO WASTE! TAKE THIS BONDE TO THE CABLE CAR STATION RIGHT AWAY! RÁPIDO!
WE WILL TAKE YOUR SUIT-CASE TO THE HOTEL!
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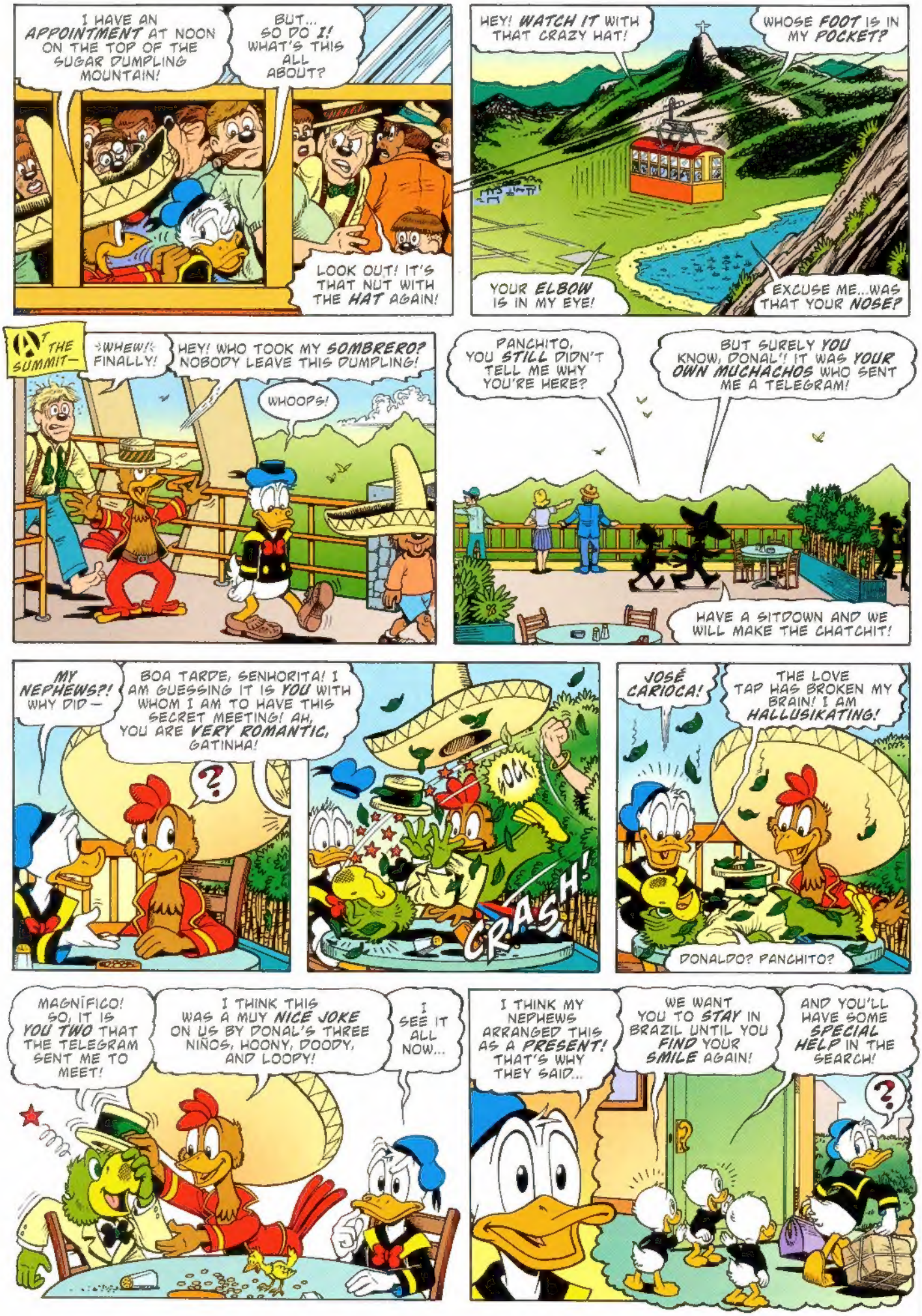
I GUESS I'D BETTER FOLLOW DIRECTIONS! I LOSE ENOUGH JOBS AS IT IS! GETTING FIRED BY A BUNCHA' CAMPFIRE KIDDIES WOULD BE THE LAST STRAW...
SHORTLY—
ALL ABOARD!
TELEFERICO PAO
IT'S ALMOST NOON, AND THE CABLE CAR IS GETTING READY TO LEAVE FOR THE SUMMIT!
I'D BETTER HURRY! THAT APPOINTMENT SOUNDED URGENT! IF I MISS IT, I'LL REALLY FEEL LIKE A HORSE'S--
BOOMF!
YOU HEARD ME! GET THAT SMELLY HORSE OUT OF HERE! IT'S BAD ENOUGH YOU WANT TO RIDE IN THIS CROWDED CAR WITH THAT STUPID HAT!
HOKAY, HOKAY, DON' MAKE THE POOSH! I MIGHT PUNCH YOUR EARBALL!
!!!
PANCHITO? PANCHITO PISTOLES? IS THAT YOU?
QUIÉN?
SON A' MY GUN! DONAL' DUCK! MY OLD AMIGO! COME TO MY ARMS! IT IS MUY BUENO TO SEE YOU AGAIN!
SLURP!
LO SIENTO, SEÑOR MARTINEZ! YOU MUST STAY HERE! IF YOU SEE ANY SEÑORITAS, TELL THEM PANCHITO WILL BE RIGHT BACK!
SNORT!
WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE FROM MEXICO?
I TELL YOU ON BOARD THE CABLEY CAR, DONAL'! VÁMONOS!


I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT AT NOON ON THE TOP OF THE SUGAR DUMPLING MOUNTAIN!
BUT... SO DO I! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
LOOK OUT! IT'S THAT NUT WITH THE HAT AGAIN!
HEY! WATCH IT WITH THAT CRAZY HAT!
WHOSE FOOT IS IN MY POCKET?
YOUR ELBOW IS IN MY EYE!
EXCUSE ME...WAS THAT YOUR NOSE?
AT THE SUMMIT—
WHEW!! FINALLY!
HEY! WHO TOOK MY SOMBRERO? NOBODY LEAVE THIS DUMPLING!
WHOOPS!
PANCHITO, YOU STILL DIDN'T TELL ME WHY YOU'RE HERE?
BUT SURELY YOU KNOW, DONAL'! IT WAS YOUR OWN MUCHACHOS WHO SENT ME A TELEGRAM!
HAVE A SITDOWN AND WE WILL MAKE THE CHATCHIT!
MY NEPHEWS?! WHY DID—
BOA TARDE, SENHORITA! I AM GUESSING IT IS YOU WITH WHOM I AM TO HAVE THIS SECRET MEETING! AH, YOU ARE VERY ROMANTIC, GATINHA!
?
SOCK!
CRASH!
JOSÉ CARIOCA!
THE LOVE TAP HAS BROKEN MY BRAIN! I AM HALLUSIKATING!
DONALDO? PANCHITO?
MAGNÍFICO! SO, IT IS YOU TWO THAT THE TELEGRAM SENT ME TO MEET!
I THINK THIS WAS A MUY NICE JOKE ON US BY DONAL'S THREE NIÑOS, HOONY, DOODY, AND LOOPY!
I SEE IT ALL NOW...
I THINK MY NEPHEWS ARRANGED THIS AS A PRESENT! THAT'S WHY THEY SAID...
WE WANT YOU TO STAY IN BRAZIL UNTIL YOU FIND YOUR SMILE AGAIN!
AND YOU'LL HAVE SOME SPECIAL HELP IN THE SEARCH!
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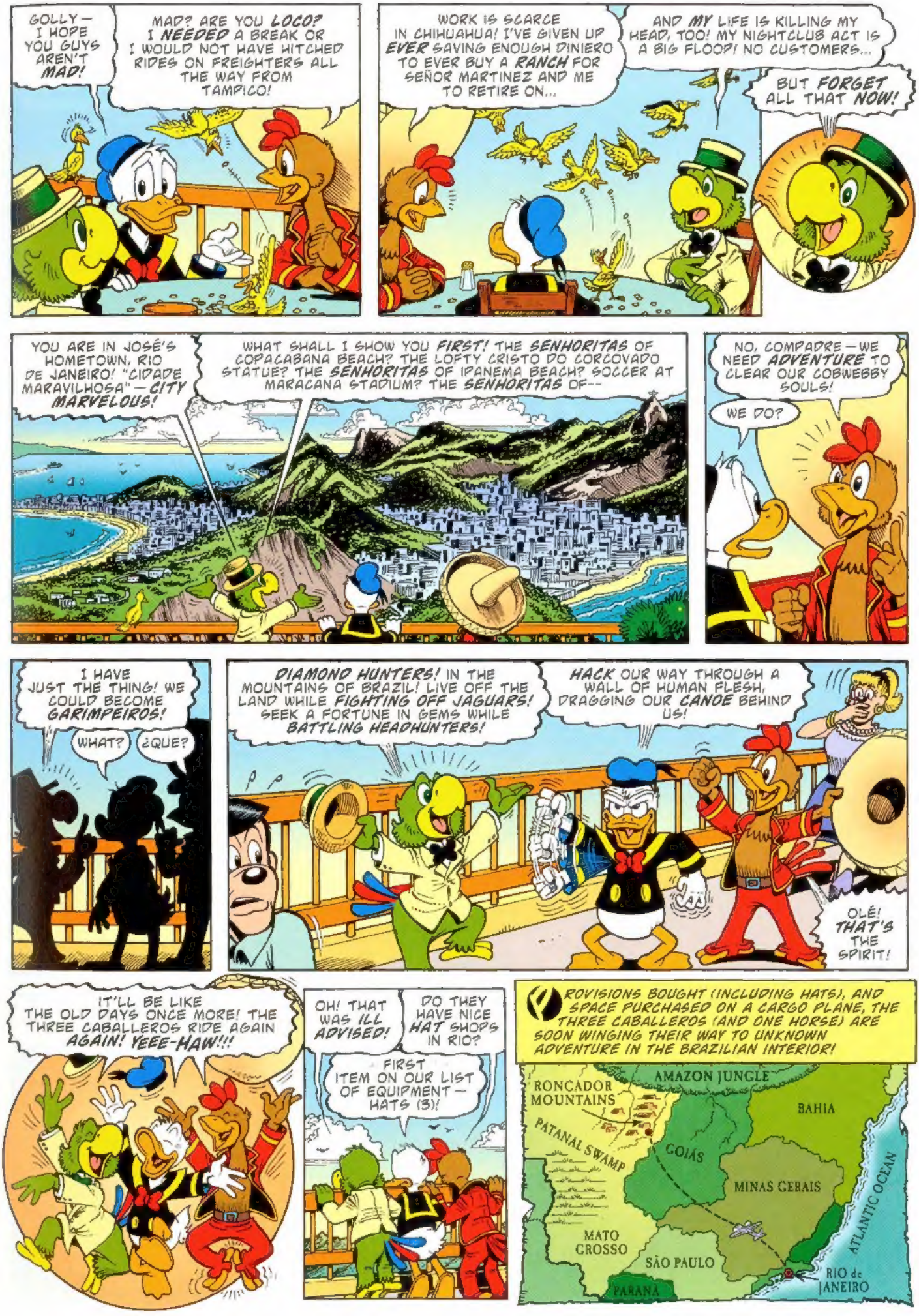
GOLLY— I HOPE YOU GUYS AREN'T MAD!
MAD? ARE YOU LOCO? I NEEDED A BREAK OR I WOULD NOT HAVE HITCHED RIDES ON FREIGHTERS ALL THE WAY FROM TAMPICO!
WORK IS SCARCE IN CHIHUAHUA! I'VE GIVEN UP EVER SAVING ENOUGH DINIERO TO EVER BUY A RANCH FOR SEÑOR MARTINEZ AND ME TO RETIRE ON...
AND MY LIFE IS KILLING MY HEAD, TOO! MY NIGHTCLUB ACT IS A BIG FLOOP! NO CUSTOMERS...
BUT FORGET ALL THAT NOW!
YOU ARE IN JOSÉ'S HOMETOWN, RIO DE JANEIRO! "CIDADE MARAVILHOSA"—CITY MARVELOUS!
WHAT SHALL I SHOW YOU FIRST! THE SENHORITAS OF COPACABANA BEACH? THE LOFTY CRISTO DO CORCOVADO STATUE? THE SENHORITAS OF IPANEMA BEACH? SOCCER AT MARACANA STADIUM? THE SENHORITAS OF--
NO, COMPADRE—WE NEED ADVENTURE TO CLEAR OUR COBWEBBY SOULS!
WE DO?
I HAVE JUST THE THING! WE COULD BECOME GARIMPEIROS!
WHAT?
¿QUE?
DIAMOND HUNTERS! IN THE MOUNTAINS OF BRAZIL! LIVE OFF THE LAND WHILE FIGHTING OFF JAGUARS! SEEK A FORTUNE IN GEMS WHILE BATTLING HEADHUNTERS!
HACK OUR WAY THROUGH A WALL OF HUMAN FLESH, DRAGGING OUR CANOE BEHIND US!
OLÉ! THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
IT'LL BE LIKE THE OLD DAYS ONCE MORE! THE THREE CABALLEROS RIDE AGAIN AGAIN! YEEE-HAW!!!
OH! THAT WAS ILL ADVISED!
DO THEY HAVE NICE HAT SHOPS IN RIO?
FIRST ITEM ON OUR LIST OF EQUIPMENT—HATS (3)!
PROVISIONS BOUGHT (INCLUDING HATS), AND SPACE PURCHASED ON A CARGO PLANE, THE THREE CABALLEROS (AND ONE HORSE) ARE SOON WINGING THEIR WAY TO UNKNOWN ADVENTURE IN THE BRAZILIAN INTERIOR!
RONCADOR MOUNTAINS
AMAZON JUNGLE
BAHIA
PATANAL SWAMP
GOIÁS
MINAS GERAIS
ATLANTIC OCEAN
MATO GROSSO
SÃO PAULO
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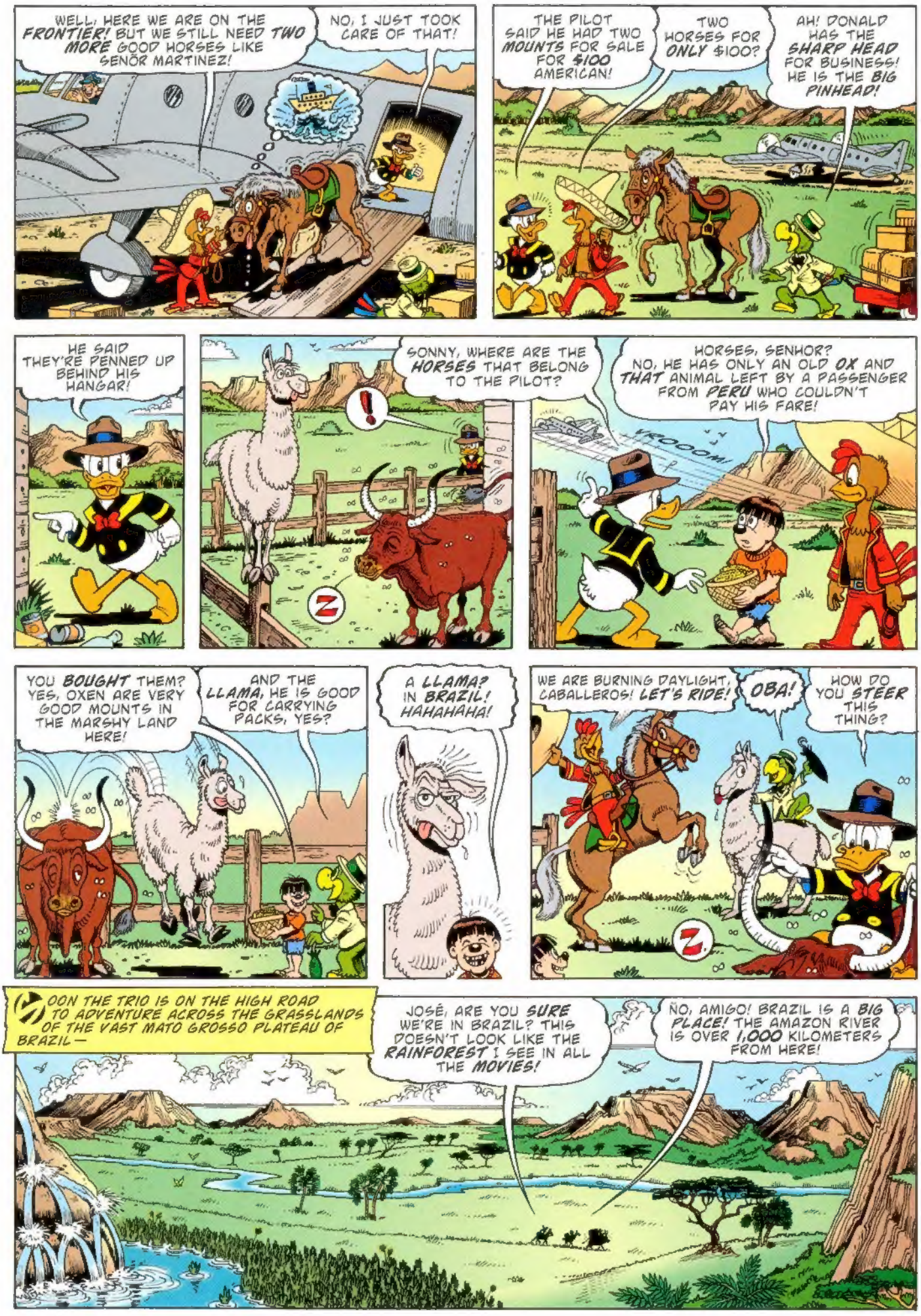
WELL, HERE WE ARE ON THE FRONTIER! BUT WE STILL NEED TWO MORE GOOD HORSES LIKE SEÑOR MARTINEZ!
NO, I JUST TOOK CARE OF THAT!
THE PILOT SAID HE HAD TWO MOUNTS FOR SALE FOR $100 AMERICAN!
TWO HORSES FOR ONLY $100?
AH! DONALD HAS THE SHARP HEAD FOR BUSINESS! HE IS THE BIG PINHEAD!
HE SAID THEY'RE PENNED UP BEHIND HIS HANGAR!
SONNY, WHERE ARE THE HORSES THAT BELONG TO THE PILOT?
!
HORSES, SEÑOR? NO, HE HAS ONLY AN OLD OX AND THAT ANIMAL LEFT BY A PASSENGER FROM PERU WHO COULDN'T PAY HIS FARE!
VROOOM!
YOU BOUGHT THEM? YES, OXEN ARE VERY GOOD MOUNTS IN THE MARSHY LAND HERE!
AND THE LLAMA, HE IS GOOD FOR CARRYING PACKS, YES?
A LLAMA? IN BRAZIL! HAHAHAHA!
WE ARE BURNING DAYLIGHT, CABALLEROS! LET'S RIDE!
OBA!
HOW DO YOU STEER THIS THING?
SOON THE TRIO IS ON THE HIGH ROAD TO ADVENTURE ACROSS THE GRASSLANDS OF THE VAST MATO GROSSO PLATEAU OF BRAZIL—
JOSÉ, ARE YOU SURE WE'RE IN BRAZIL? THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE RAINFOREST I SEE IN ALL THE MOVIES!
ÑO, AMIGO! BRAZIL IS A BIG PLACE! THE AMAZON RIVER IS OVER 1,000 KILOMETERS FROM HERE!

WE ARE ON BRAZIL'S CENTRAL PLATEAU OF MOUNTAINS AND PLAINS! THIS IS WHERE THEY FIND THE DIAMONDS!
BUT I FEAR TO TELL YOU I AM A CITY BOY! I KNOW NOTHING OF BEING A GARIMPEIRO!
SAY THAT REMINDS ME..
MY NEPHEWS INSISTED I BRING THIS JUNIOR WOODCHUCK PAMPHLET ABOUT BRAZIL! I BET THIS IS ONE PLACE THEY FIGURED I'D NEED IT!
MY...ER...NOTES SAY THAT 90% OF THE WORLD'S GEMS COME FROM BRAZIL!
CARAI! DONALD WILL MAKE US ALL RICH! HE WILL LEAD US RIGHT TO ELDORADO!
WELL, NO I ALREADY FOUND ELDORADO! THAT WAS IN COLOMBIA! WAY UP NORTH!
!!!!
DONALD IS KIDDING US! HE IS POOLING OUR FOOTS!
HA HA! NEXT HE'LL TELL US THAT HE FOUND THE LOST MINES OF THE INCAS!
WE ..ER...FOUND THOSE, TOO! I GO ON THESE UH...SORTA TREASURE HUNTS... WITH MY UNCLE...
I BELIEVE HIM! OUR COMPADRE WOULD NOT LIE TO US! AND HE'D PRETENDED HE HAD A DULL LIFE!
WE ARE IN GOOD HANDS WITH OUR DONALDO AS OUR GUIDE! HE IS THE GREAT ADVENTURE HERO!
CARAMBA! WE ARE ENTERING A SWAMP!
TELL US OF THE SWAMPS OF THE MATO GROSSO, DONALDO!
WELL... BRAZILIAN WATERS ARE FILLED WITH ALL SORTS OF AQUATIC LIFE—PIRANHA, STINGRAYS, ELECTRIC EELS, GIANT CROCODILIAN CAIMANS, HUGE ANACONDA...
SEE, WHAT A WISE CHOICE DONALD MADE WITH HIS OX!
ONWARD, DONALDO! ON TO GLORY! EEEEE-HAH!!!
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IT'S THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS! MICKEY HAS BEEN BUSY HELPING DOC STATIC WITH HIS LATEST INVENTION -- THE DREAM BEAMER -- A 3D VIRTUAL REALITY GENERATOR FUELLED BY THE STUFF THAT DREAMS ARE MADE OF...
LUCKY WE REMEMBERED TO CHECK THE TIME! THE STORES HAD ALMOST CLOSED!
YEAH! THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN A STINKY CHRISTMAS! NO GIFTS, NO FOOD!
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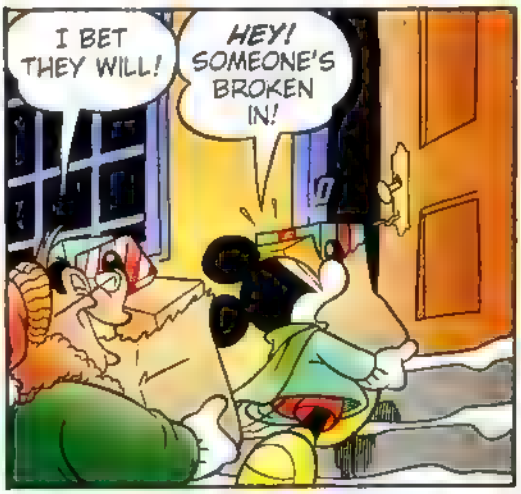
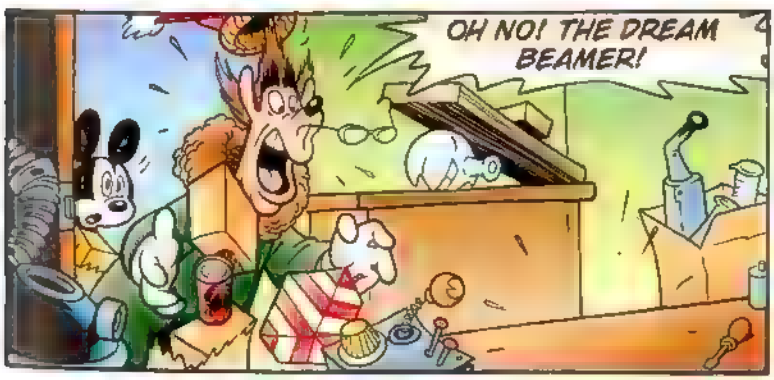
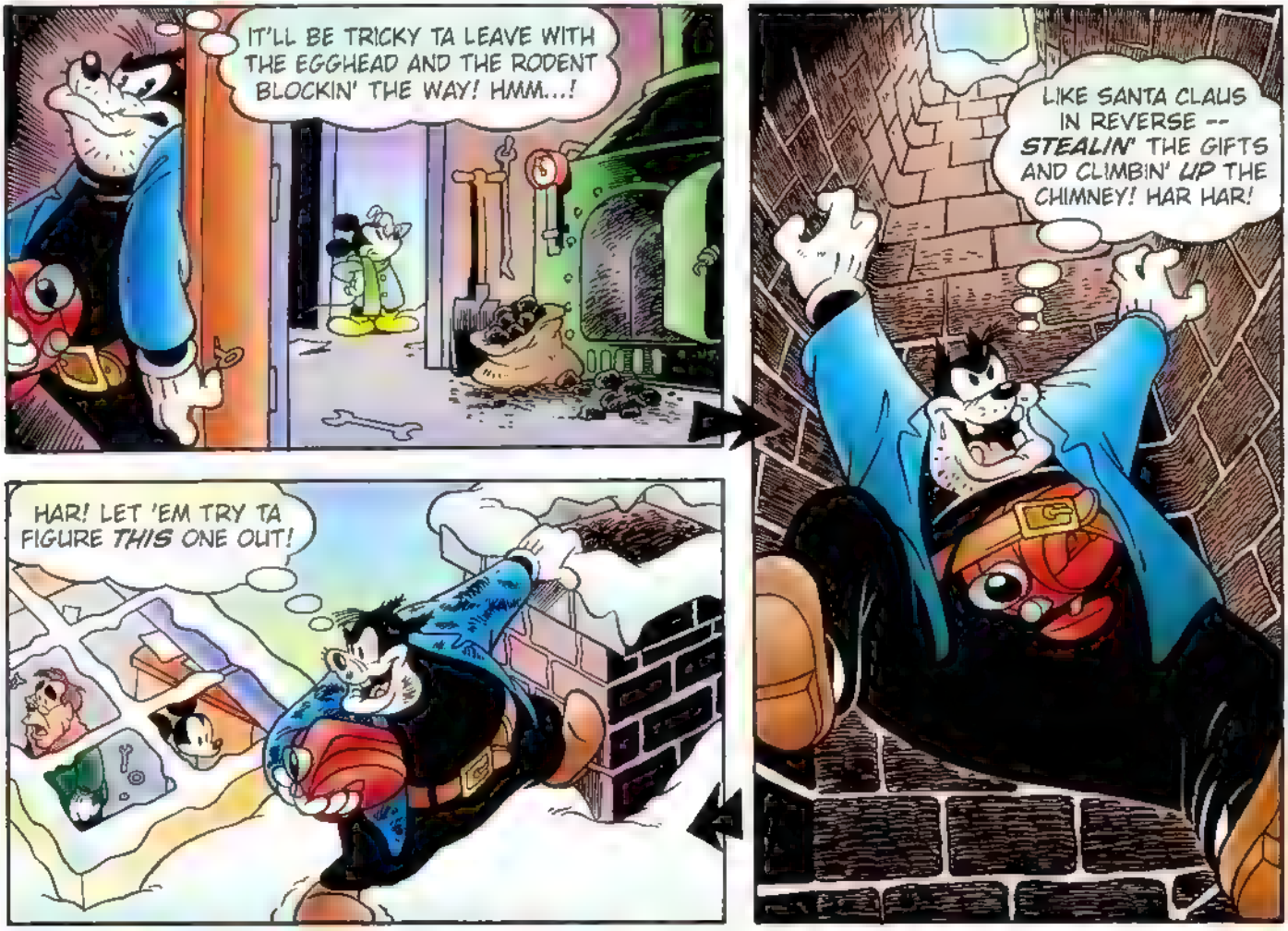
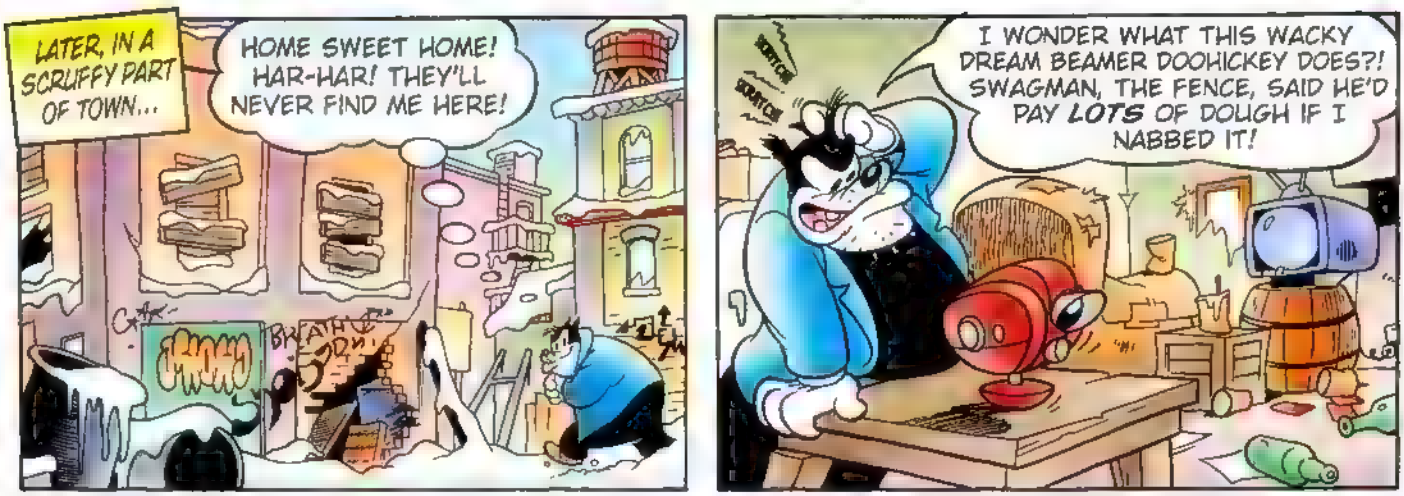
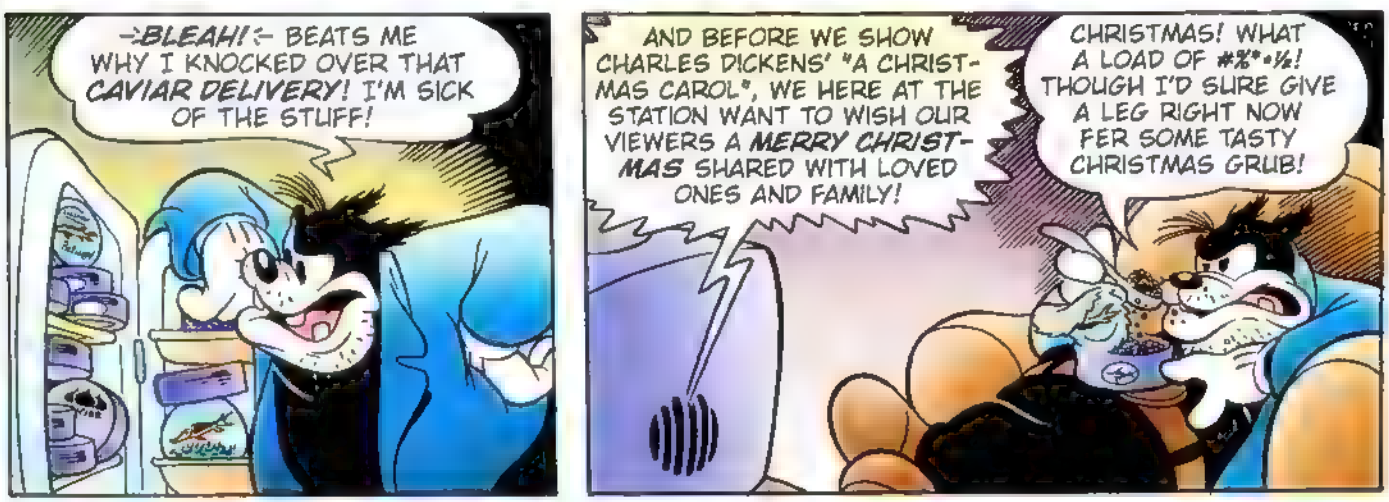
I GET SO ABSORBED WHEN I WORK ON A NEW INVENTION! ESPECIALLY A COMPLEX ONE LIKE THE DREAM BEAMER!
IT WASN'T TOUGH TO LEARN TO PROGRAM IT, THOUGH! I HOPE OUR FRIENDS LIKE THE PROGRAM I MADE -- I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT VISITING SANTA'S WORKSHOP!






IT'LL BE TRICKY TA LEAVE WITH THE EGGHEAD AND THE RODENT BLOCKIN' THE WAY! HMM...!
LIKE SANTA CLAUS IN REVERSE -- *STEALIN'* THE GIFTS AND CLIMBIN' *UP* THE CHIMNEY! HAR HAR!
HAR! LET 'EM TRY TA FIGURE *THIS* ONE OUT!

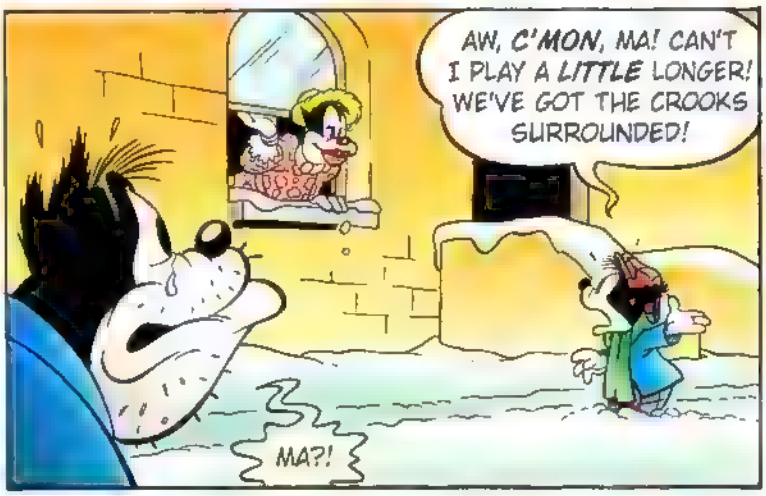

LATER, IN A SCRUFFY PART OF TOWN...
HOME SWEET HOME! HAR-HAR! THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME HERE!
I WONDER WHAT THIS WACKY DREAM BEAMER DOOHICKEY DOES?! SWAGMAN, THE FENCE, SAID HE'D PAY *LOTS* OF DOUGH IF I NABBED IT!

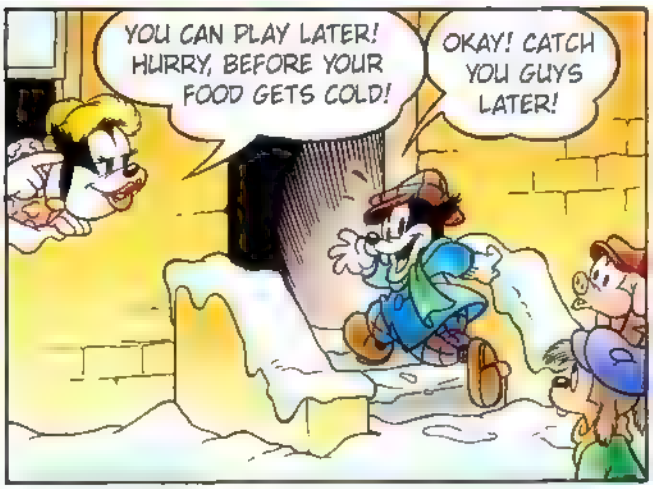

-:*BLEAH!*:- BEATS ME WHY I KNOCKED OVER THAT *CAVIAR DELIVERY*! I'M SICK OF THE STUFF!
AND BEFORE WE SHOW CHARLES DICKENS' "A CHRISTMAS CAROL", WE HERE AT THE STATION WANT TO WISH OUR VIEWERS A *MERRY CHRISTMAS* SHARED WITH LOVED ONES AND FAMILY!
CHRISTMAS! WHAT A LOAD OF #%*•½! THOUGH I'D SURE GIVE A LEG RIGHT NOW FER SOME TASTY CHRISTMAS GRUB!

23 CANS OF BELUGA CAVIAR LATER...
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY! I HAVEN'T MISSED IT! THE SPIRITS HAVE DONE IT ALL IN ONE NIGHT! THEY CAN DO ANYTHING THEY LIKE!
OF COURSE THEY CAN! OF COURSE THEY CAN!
PETE!
ZZZZZZ!
WAKE UP, PETE!
HUH! WHAT? WHO?
WHO ARE YA? WHATCHA DOIN' IN HERE? YA WANNA GET A PUNCH IN THE NOSE!?
I'M THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS--AND I'VE COME TO--
THAT'S CRAZY! WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?
I WANT TO SHOW YOU THREE VISIONS THIS NIGHT!
THE JOURNEY TO ONE OF YOUR PAST CHRISTMASES BEGINS!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
YARGH!

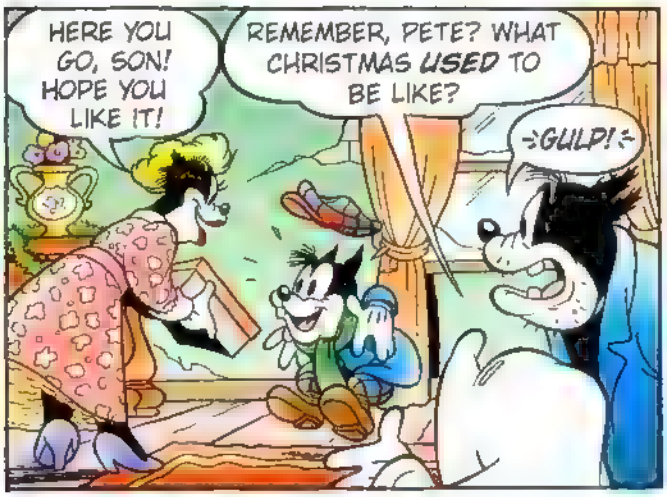
HEY! THAT'S ME!
HANDS UP, BOYS! YOU'RE SURROUNDED! TURN OVER YER LOOT OR--
IT'S THE COPPERS!

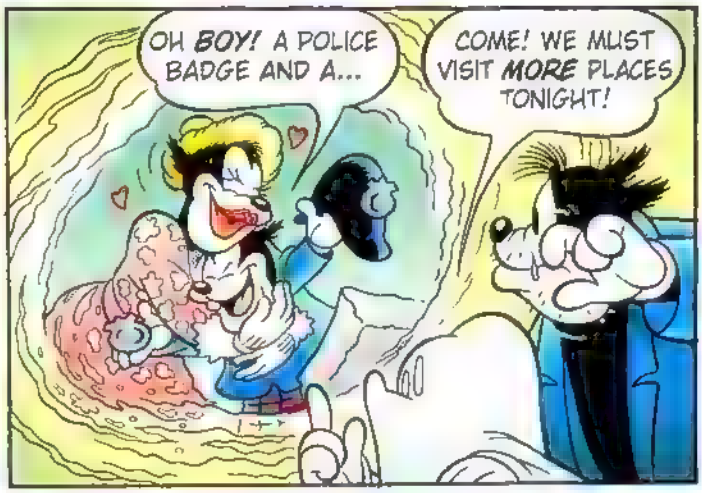
PETE! TIME TO EAT!


AW, C'MON, MA! CAN'T I PLAY A LITTLE LONGER! WE'VE GOT THE CROOKS SURROUNDED!
MA?!


YOU CAN PLAY LATER! HURRY, BEFORE YOUR FOOD GETS COLD!
OKAY! CATCH YOU GUYS LATER!

COME WITH ME, PETE!
THIS IS A NIFTY TRICK! COULD COME IN HANDY AT THE BANK! HAR HAR!


HERE YOU GO, SON! HOPE YOU LIKE IT!
REMEMBER, PETE? WHAT CHRISTMAS USED TO BE LIKE?
÷GULP!÷

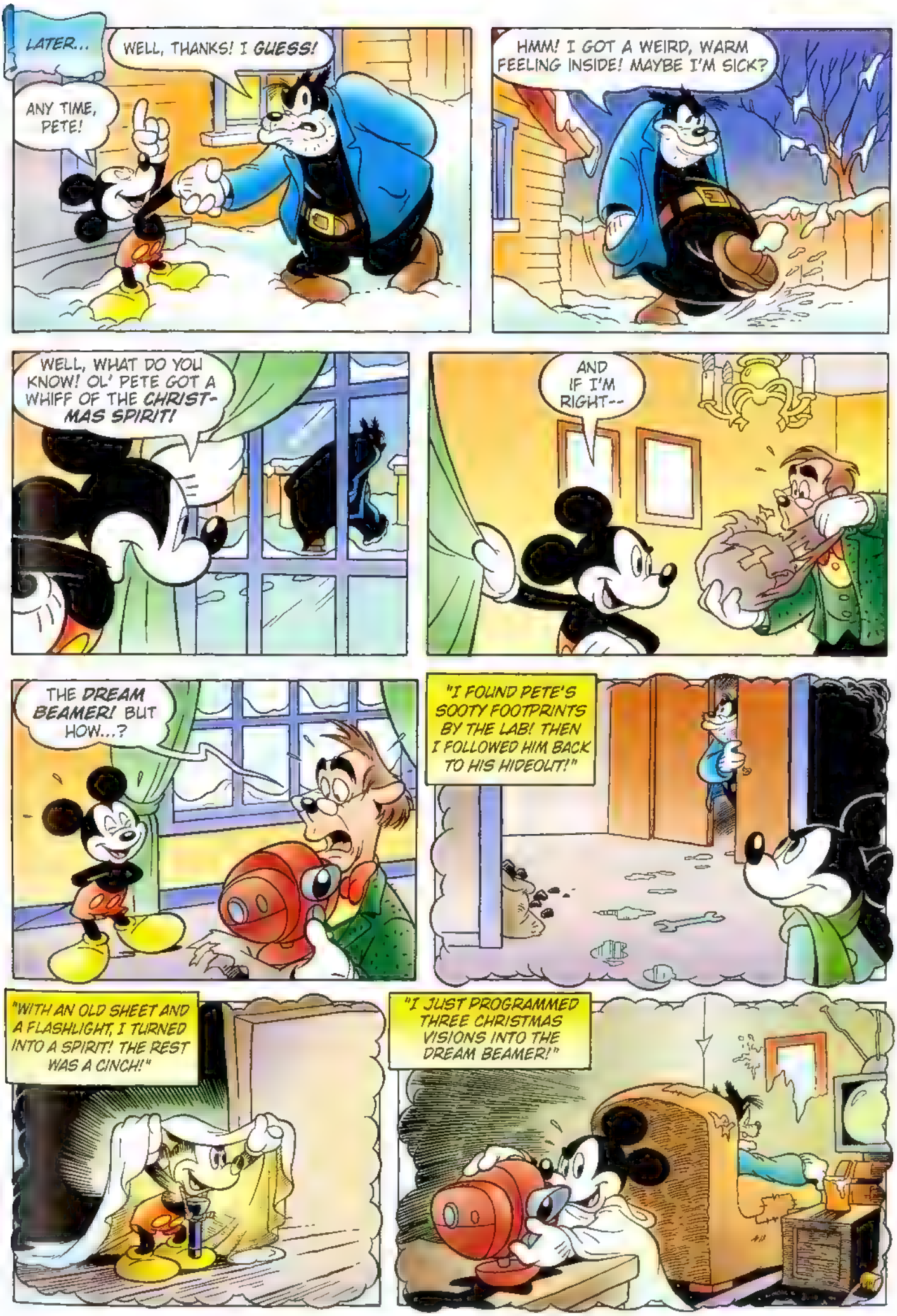

OH BOY! A POLICE BADGE AND A...
COME! WE MUST VISIT MORE PLACES TONIGHT!

THIS IS THE PRESENT CHRISTMAS, PETE! DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET?
YEAH! OF COURSE I DO! THAT'S WHERE THE %#@½*# MOUSE LIVES!
THREE YEARS I'VE SPENT ON THE DREAM BEAMER! NOW IT'S GONE! =SOB!=
THERE, THERE, DOC! IT'LL TURN UP!
AW, QUIT YER GRIPIN'! IF THE EGGHEAD FEELS SORRY FER HIMSELF, HE CAN MAKE A NEW ONE!
IS THAT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?
SURE! IT AIN'T MY PROBLEM! IT'S HOW THE WORLD WORKS, SEE!
HMM! I DON'T GOT FRIENDS, 'CEPT CREEPS LIKE SWAGMAN!
BUT WHO CARES? WHEN I SELL DOC'S GIZMO, I'LL GET ENOUGH CASH TO BUY THE FRIENDS I NEED!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE, THIS IS WHERE I LIVE!
BUT DIFFERENT SOMEHOW!
HEY! WHAT'S THIS?
VROOM!
IT'S YOUR FUTURE CHRISTMAS!
AND LOOK!
→OOH!← MY ACHIN' BONES! EACH YEAR IT GETS HARDER TA BREAK INTO THOSE PARKIN' METERS!
HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? I'VE BECOME A MISERABLE OLD MAN! WHY AIN'T I RICH 'N' HAPPY? WHERE ARE MY FRIENDS? WHAT'S GOIN' ON?
SO WHAT CAN I DO TA CHANGE THIS, SPIRIT?
HUH? WHERE'D HE GO?

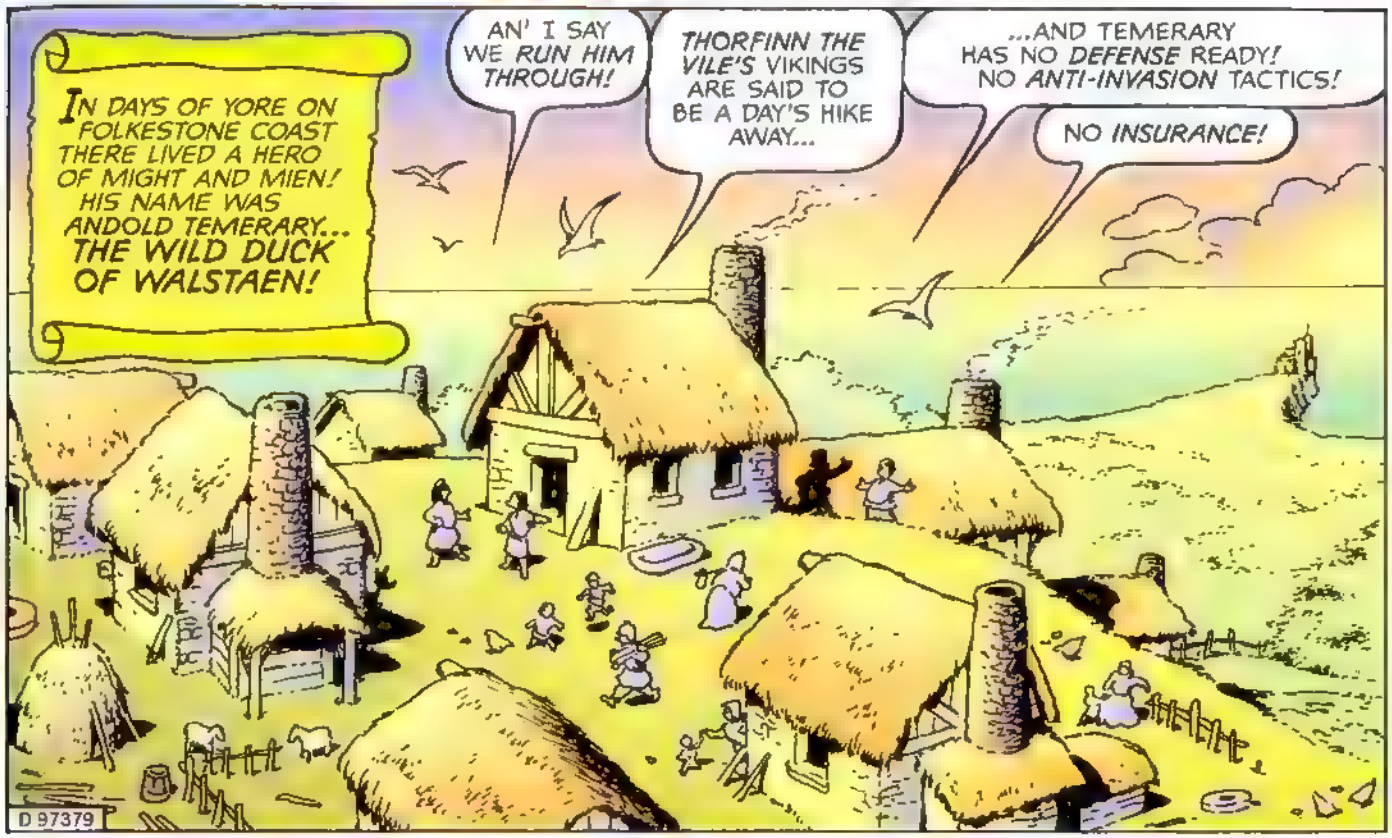
WAS IT A DREAM?
THE FOLLOWING DAY -- CHRISTMAS EVE!
♪ DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY! FA-LA-LA-LA-LA, LA-LA-LA-LA! ♪
QUIET, NOW!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, PETE?
I...UHH... WELL--
WON'T YOU COME IN AND JOIN US FOR SOME EGGNOG AND A SLICE OF TURKEY?

NO! I'M NOT INTO THAT SISSY CHRISTMAS STUFF, YA SEE!
DOGGONE IT, PETE! ARE YOU SCARED?
OF COURSE I'M NOT SCARED, YA RUNT!
HEY, EVERYONE! I'M SURE YOU ALL KNOW PETE! HE'S JOINING US FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER!
=SNORT!=
MICKEY! ARE YOU SURE IT'S A GOOD IDEA BRINGING THAT GANGSTER IN HERE?
AW C'MON MINNIE! LET'S GIVE HIM A CHANCE! IT'S CHRISTMAS!
HERE YA GO, EGGHEAD! DON'T OPEN IT UNTIL I'VE LEFT, OKAY?
B-B-BUT...
THANKS! I'M SURE HE'LL APPRECIATE IT!
AND SO PETE CELEBRATES HIS FIRST CHRISTMAS SINCE CHILDHOOD...
LET'S DRINK A TOAST TO THIS REMARKABLE OCCASION, PALS!
MAYBE I'M SLOW, BUT I DON'T GET THIS...!


LATER...
WELL, THANKS! I GUESS!
ANY TIME, PETE!
HMM! I GOT A WEIRD, WARM FEELING INSIDE! MAYBE I'M SICK?
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW! OL' PETE GOT A WHIFF OF THE CHRIST-MAS SPIRIT!
AND IF I'M RIGHT--
THE DREAM BEAMER! BUT HOW...?
"I FOUND PETE'S SOOTY FOOTPRINTS BY THE LAB! THEN I FOLLOWED HIM BACK TO HIS HIDEOUT!"
"WITH AN OLD SHEET AND A FLASHLIGHT, I TURNED INTO A SPIRIT! THE REST WAS A CINCH!"
"I JUST PROGRAMMED THREE CHRISTMAS VISIONS INTO THE DREAM BEAMER!"

GEE, MICKEY! WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST BRING BACK THE DREAM BEAMER LAST NIGHT?
I HOPED I COULD INSTILL A BIT OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT INTO PETE AND HAVE HIM BRING IT BACK HIMSELF!
NOW LET'S SEE IF THIS WORKS! FOR YOUR BENEFIT I'VE PROGRAMMED THIS THING THAT I'M REALLY JAZZED ABOUT!
?
OOPS!
AAAAARGH!
WRONG BUTTON! WRONG BUTTON!
TAP! TAP! TAP!
THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERY-ONE!

Walt Disney's ANDOLD WILD DUCK in MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD


IN DAYS OF YORE ON FOLKESTONE COAST THERE LIVED A HERO OF MIGHT AND MIEN! HIS NAME WAS ANDOLD TEMERARY... THE WILD DUCK OF WALSTAEN!
AN' I SAY WE RUN HIM THROUGH!
THORFINN THE VILE'S VIKINGS ARE SAID TO BE A DAY'S HIKE AWAY...
...AND TEMERARY HAS NO DEFENSE READY! NO ANTI-INVASION TACTICS!
NO INSURANCE!
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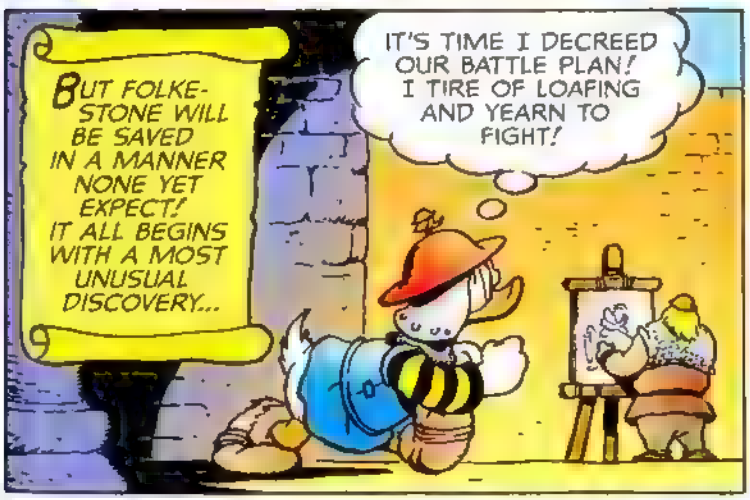
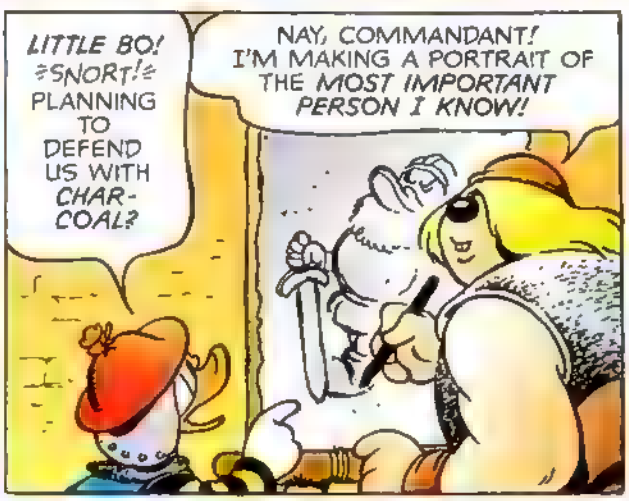
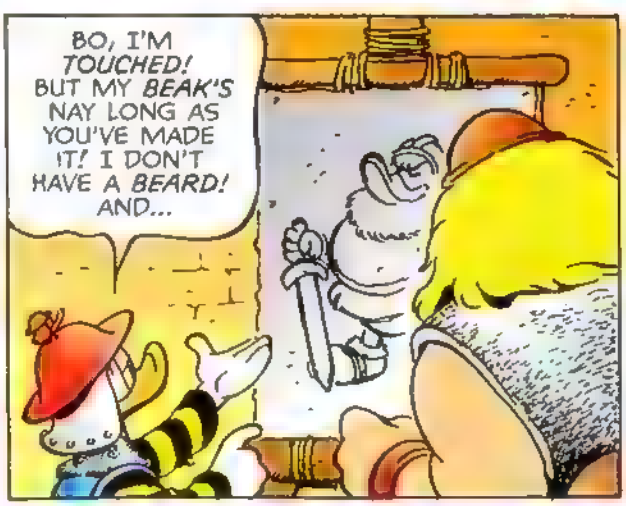
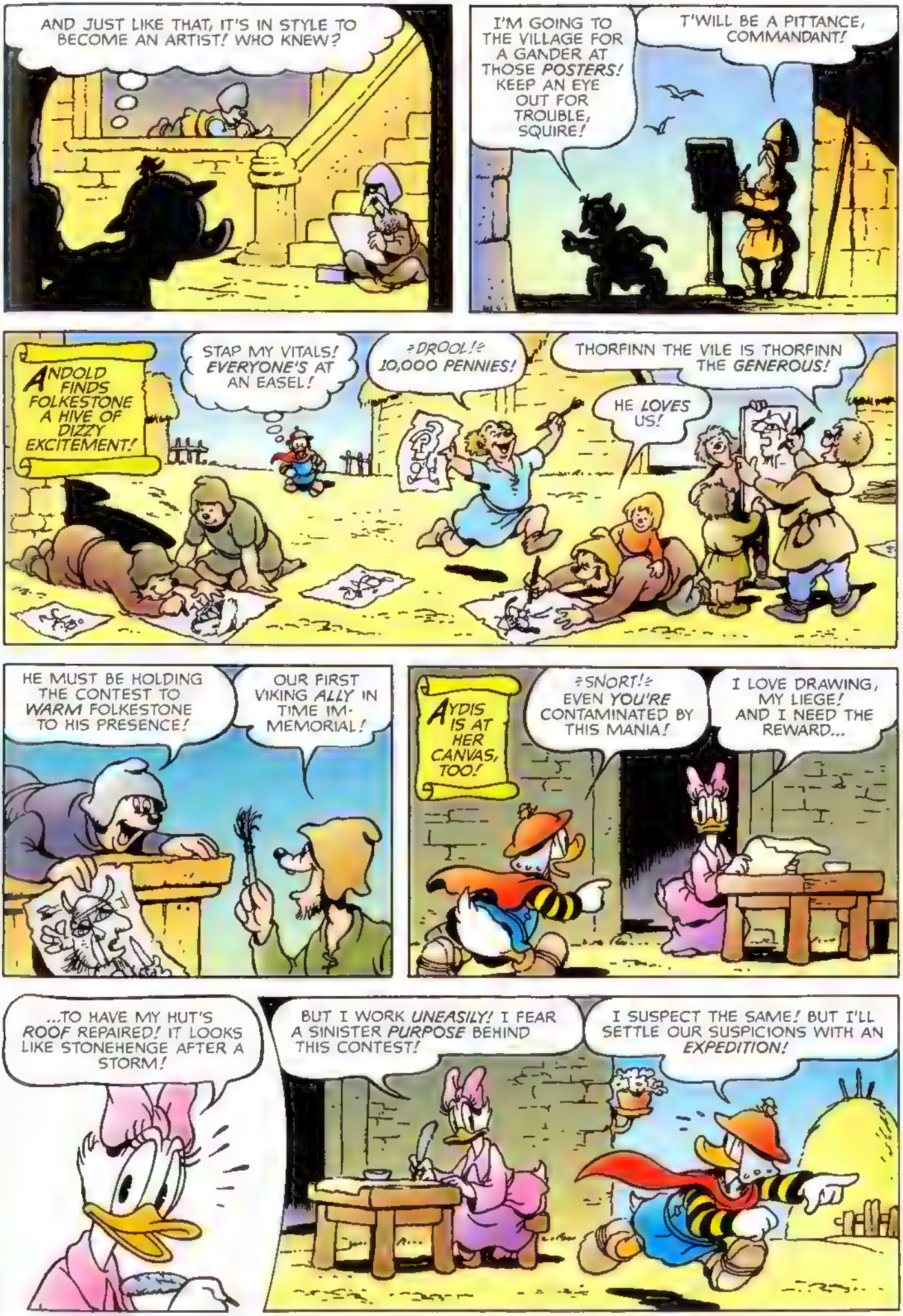
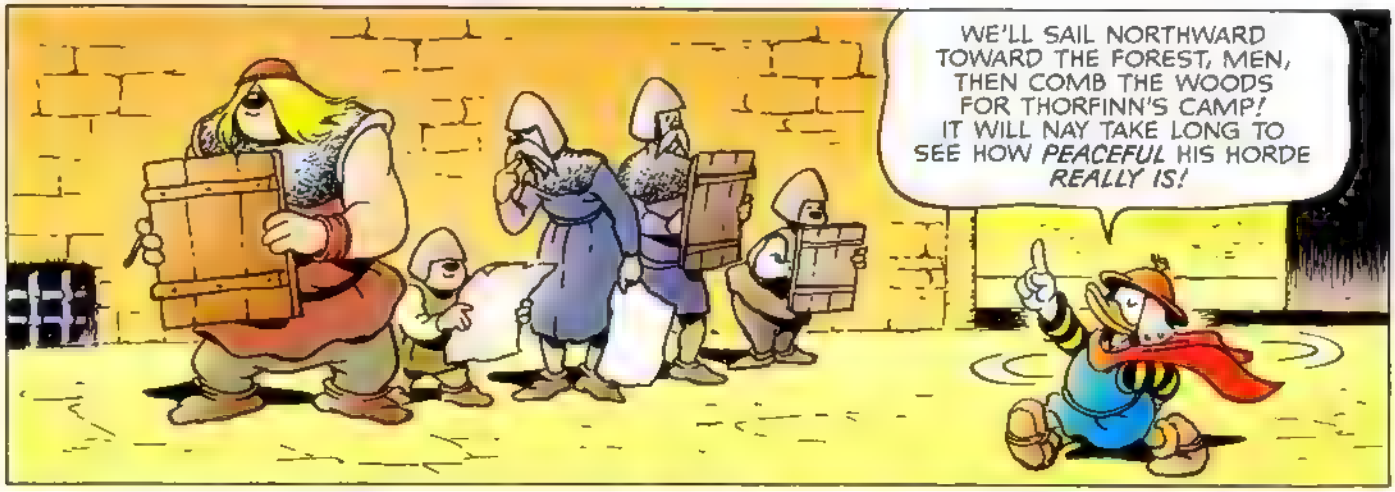

BUT FOLKESTONE WILL BE SAVED IN A MANNER NONE YET EXPECT! IT ALL BEGINS WITH A MOST UNUSUAL DISCOVERY...
IT'S TIME I DECREED OUR BATTLE PLAN! I TIRE OF LOAFING AND YEARN TO FIGHT!

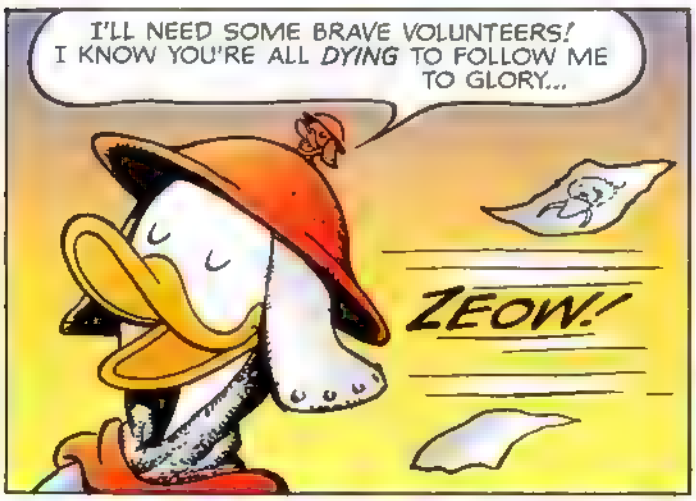

LITTLE BO! =SNORT!= PLANNING TO DEFEND US WITH CHARCOAL?
NAY, COMMANDANT! I'M MAKING A PORTRAIT OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON I KNOW!

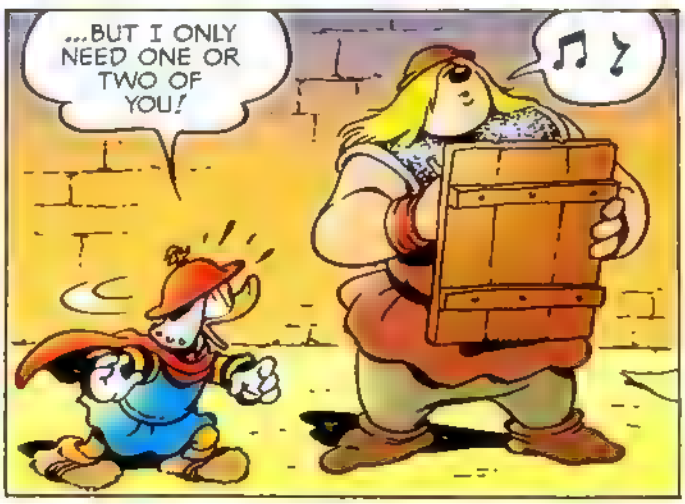


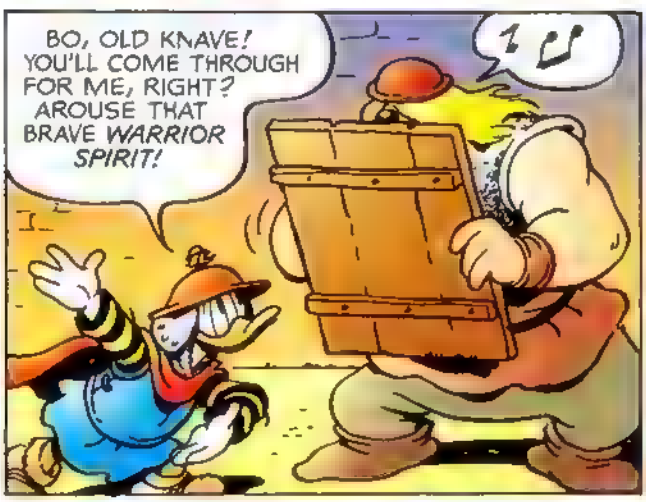
FORSOOTH! THORFINN THE... =SPLUTTER!=
AYE! 'TIS HE!
PRITHEE EXPLAIN!
MISTER ANDOLD WANTS AN EXPLANATION?! MAYBE MISTER ANDOLD SHOULDN'T HAVE INSULTED MY ART!
HE WOULDN'T TELL ME A THING! I'D GIVE A KINGDOM TO KNOW WHY HE WAS DRAWING THORFINN THE VILE!
WHAT HO! BRUTUS, AN EASEL, AND ANOTHER VIKING PORTRAIT!
IF I FLATTER HIS ARTISTRY, HE'LL GIVE ME THE LOWDOWN!
ANDOLD POURS IT ON!
...AND YOU DRAW WITH THE FINESSE OF YOUR FINEST MOMENTS IN BATTLE! BRILLIANCE SO PURE...
THANKS! GLAD YOU'RE AN ART LOVER!
BUT WHAT SET YOU TO YOUR WORK?
POSTERS I SAW IN THE VILLAGE! SOME KNAVE PUT THEM UP LAST NIGHT!
THE POSTERS OFFER A PRIZE, COMMANDANT! 10,000 PENNIES FOR THE BEST PORTRAIT OF THORFINN THE VILE...
!
...WITH THE WINNER'S PURSE COMPLIMENTS OF THORFINN HIMSELF!

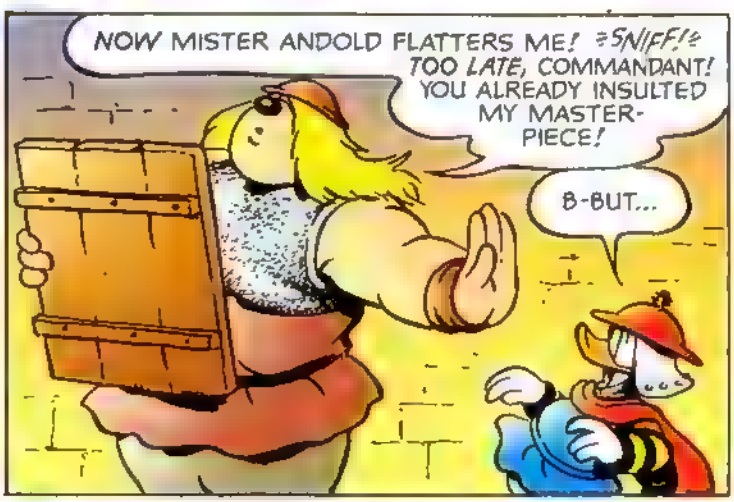

AND JUST LIKE THAT, IT'S IN STYLE TO BECOME AN ARTIST! WHO KNEW?
I'M GOING TO THE VILLAGE FOR A GANDER AT THOSE POSTERS! KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR TROUBLE, SQUIRE!
T'WILL BE A PITTANCE, COMMANDANT!
ANDOLD FINDS FOLKESTONE A HIVE OF DIZZY EXCITEMENT!
STAP MY VITALS! EVERYONE'S AT AN EASEL!
=DROOL!= 10,000 PENNIES!
THORFINN THE VILE IS THORFINN THE GENEROUS!
HE LOVES US!
HE MUST BE HOLDING THE CONTEST TO WARM FOLKESTONE TO HIS PRESENCE!
OUR FIRST VIKING ALLY IN TIME IMMEMORIAL!
AYDIS IS AT HER CANVAS, TOO!
=SNORT!= EVEN YOU'RE CONTAMINATED BY THIS MANIA!
I LOVE DRAWING, MY LIEGE! AND I NEED THE REWARD...
...TO HAVE MY HUT'S ROOF REPAIRED! IT LOOKS LIKE STONEHENGE AFTER A STORM!
BUT I WORK UNEASILY! I FEAR A SINISTER PURPOSE BEHIND THIS CONTEST!
I SUSPECT THE SAME! BUT I'LL SETTLE OUR SUSPICIONS WITH AN EXPEDITION!

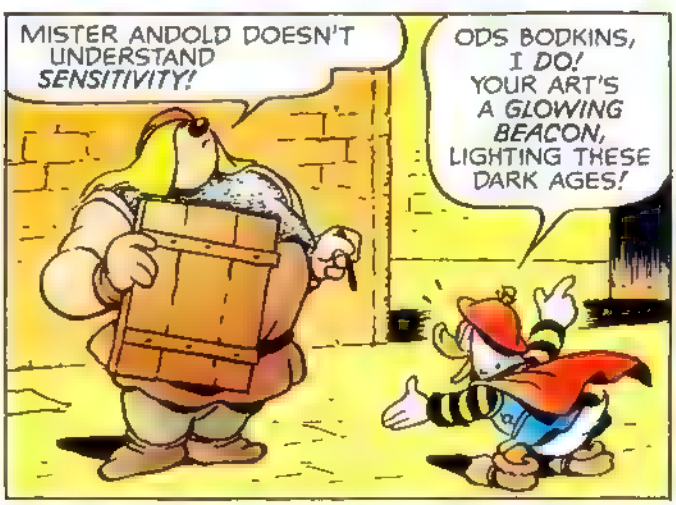

WE'LL SAIL NORTHWARD TOWARD THE FOREST, MEN, THEN COMB THE WOODS FOR THORFINN'S CAMP! IT WILL NAY TAKE LONG TO SEE HOW *PEACEFUL* HIS HORDE *REALLY IS!*

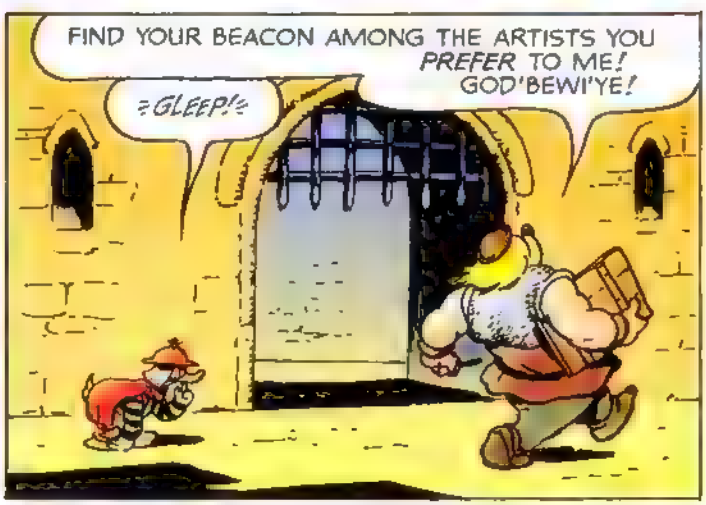

I'LL NEED SOME BRAVE VOLUNTEERS! I KNOW YOU'RE ALL *DYING* TO FOLLOW ME TO GLORY...
ZEOW!

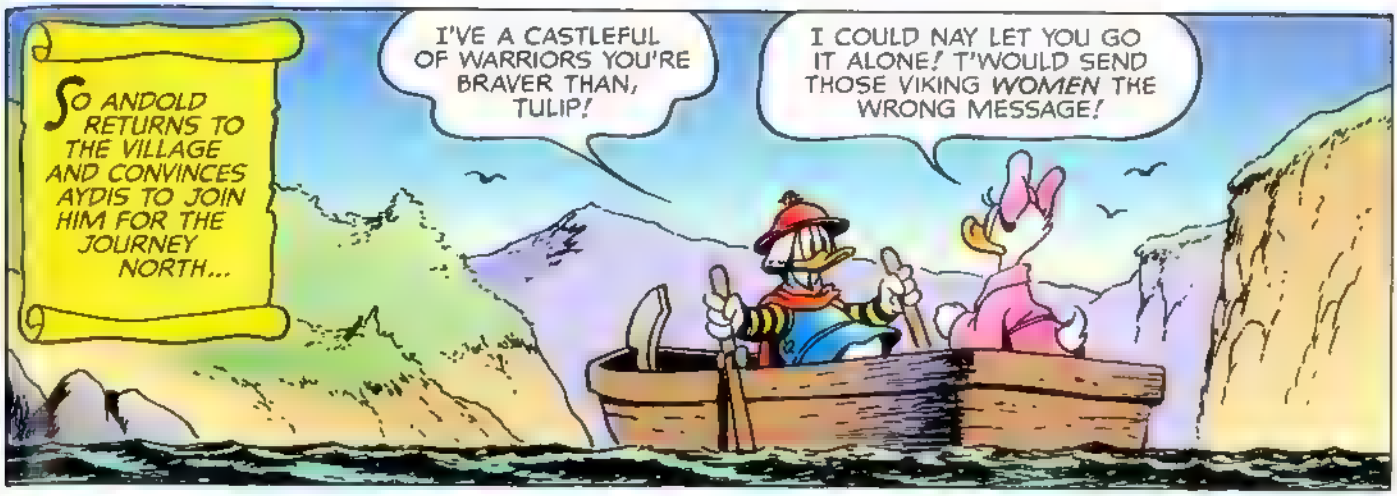

...BUT I ONLY NEED ONE OR TWO OF YOU!


BO, OLD KNAVE! YOU'LL COME THROUGH FOR ME, RIGHT? AROUSE THAT BRAVE *WARRIOR SPIRIT!*

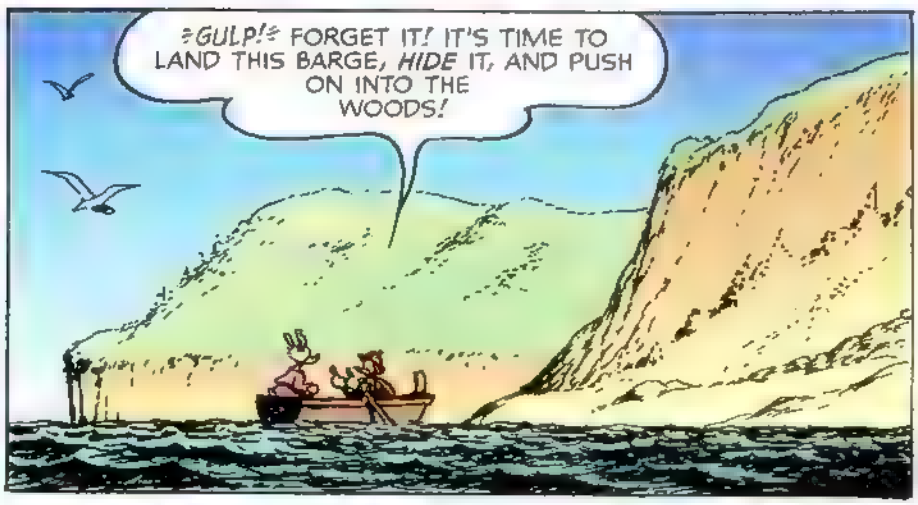

NOW MISTER ANDOLD FLATTERS ME! =SNIFF!= *TOO LATE*, COMMANDANT! YOU ALREADY INSULTED MY MASTER-PIECE!
B-BUT...

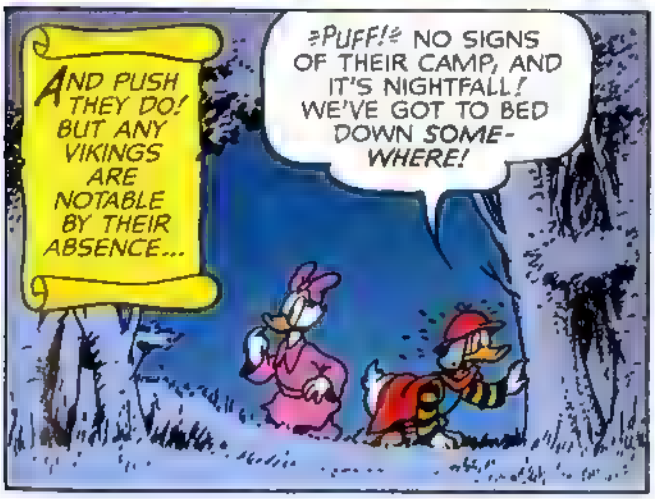

MISTER ANDOLD DOESN'T UNDERSTAND *SENSITIVITY!*
ODS BODKINS, I *DO!* YOUR ART'S A *GLOWING BEACON,* LIGHTING THESE DARK AGES!

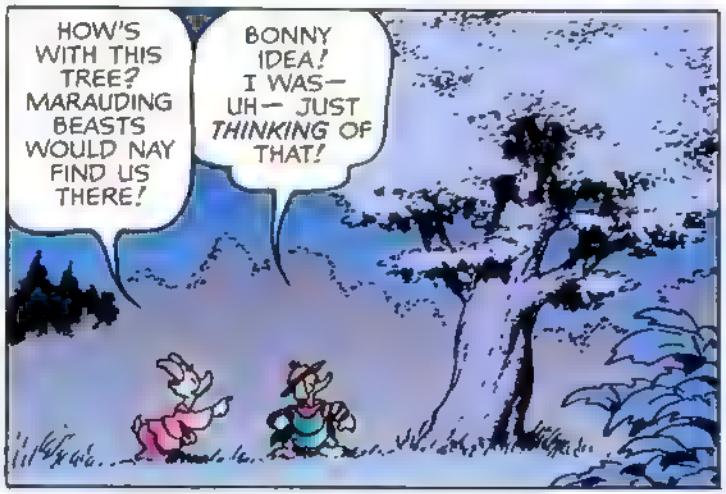

FIND YOUR BEACON AMONG THE ARTISTS YOU *PREFER* TO ME! GOD'BEWI'YE!
=GLEEP!=

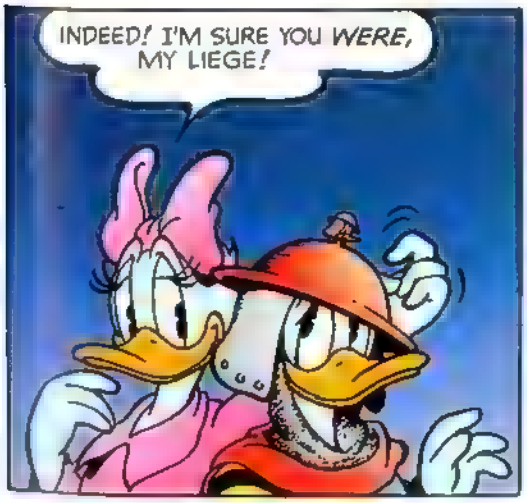

SO ANDOLD RETURNS TO THE VILLAGE AND CONVINCES AYDIS TO JOIN HIM FOR THE JOURNEY NORTH...
I'VE A CASTLEFUL OF WARRIORS YOU'RE BRAVER THAN, TULIP!
I COULD NAY LET YOU GO IT ALONE! T'WOULD SEND THOSE VIKING WOMEN THE WRONG MESSAGE!

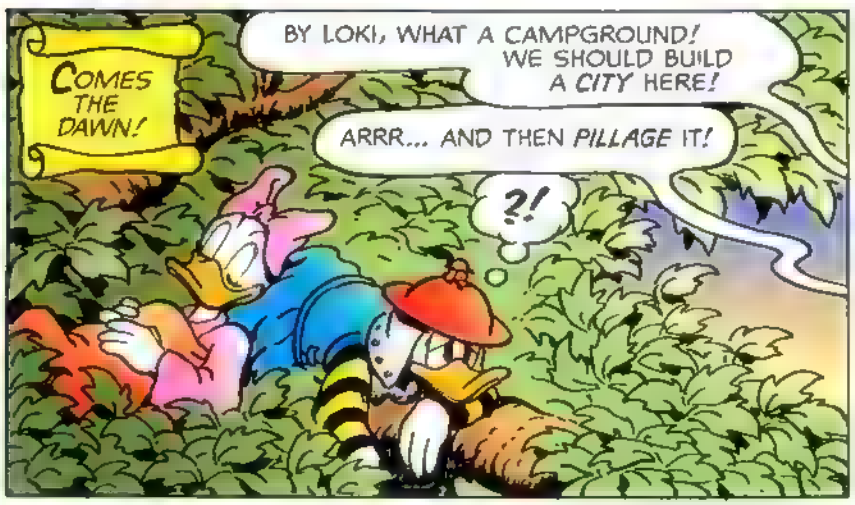
TO USE A NEW-FANGLED WORD... BOSH! I'VE NEVER MET A DAMSEL WARRIOR!
MEET JUST ONE, AND I'D SHOW HER A WAR!


=GULP!= FORGET IT! IT'S TIME TO LAND THIS BARGE, HIDE IT, AND PUSH ON INTO THE WOODS!


AND PUSH THEY DO! BUT ANY VIKINGS ARE NOTABLE BY THEIR ABSENCE...
=PUFF!= NO SIGNS OF THEIR CAMP, AND IT'S NIGHTFALL! WE'VE GOT TO BED DOWN SOME-WHERE!


HOW'S WITH THIS TREE? MARAUDING BEASTS WOULD NAY FIND US THERE!
BONNY IDEA! I WAS— UH— JUST THINKING OF THAT!


INDEED! I'M SURE YOU WERE, MY LIEGE!


COMES THE DAWN!
BY LOKI, WHAT A CAMPGROUND! WE SHOULD BUILD A CITY HERE!
ARRR... AND THEN PILLAGE IT!
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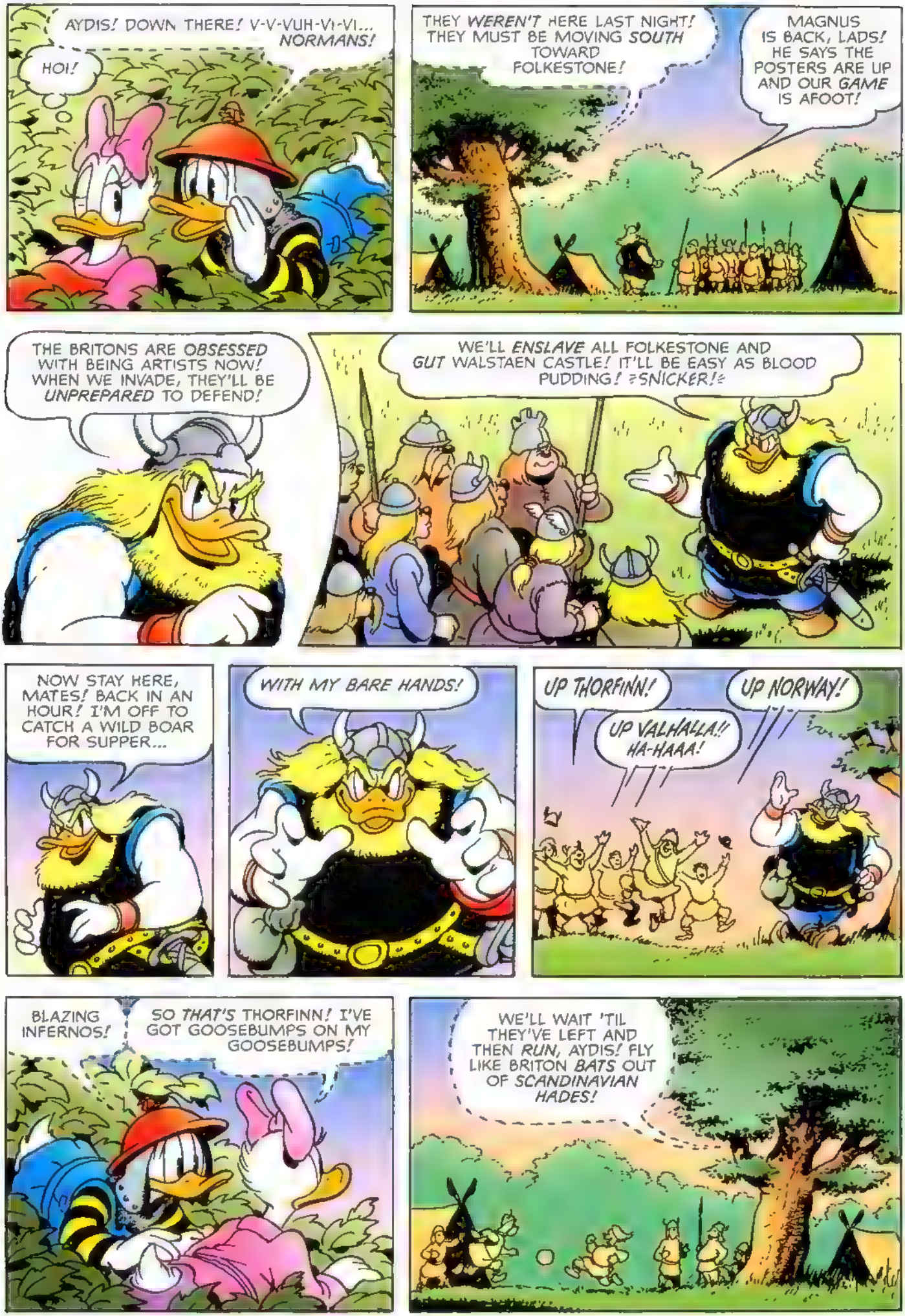
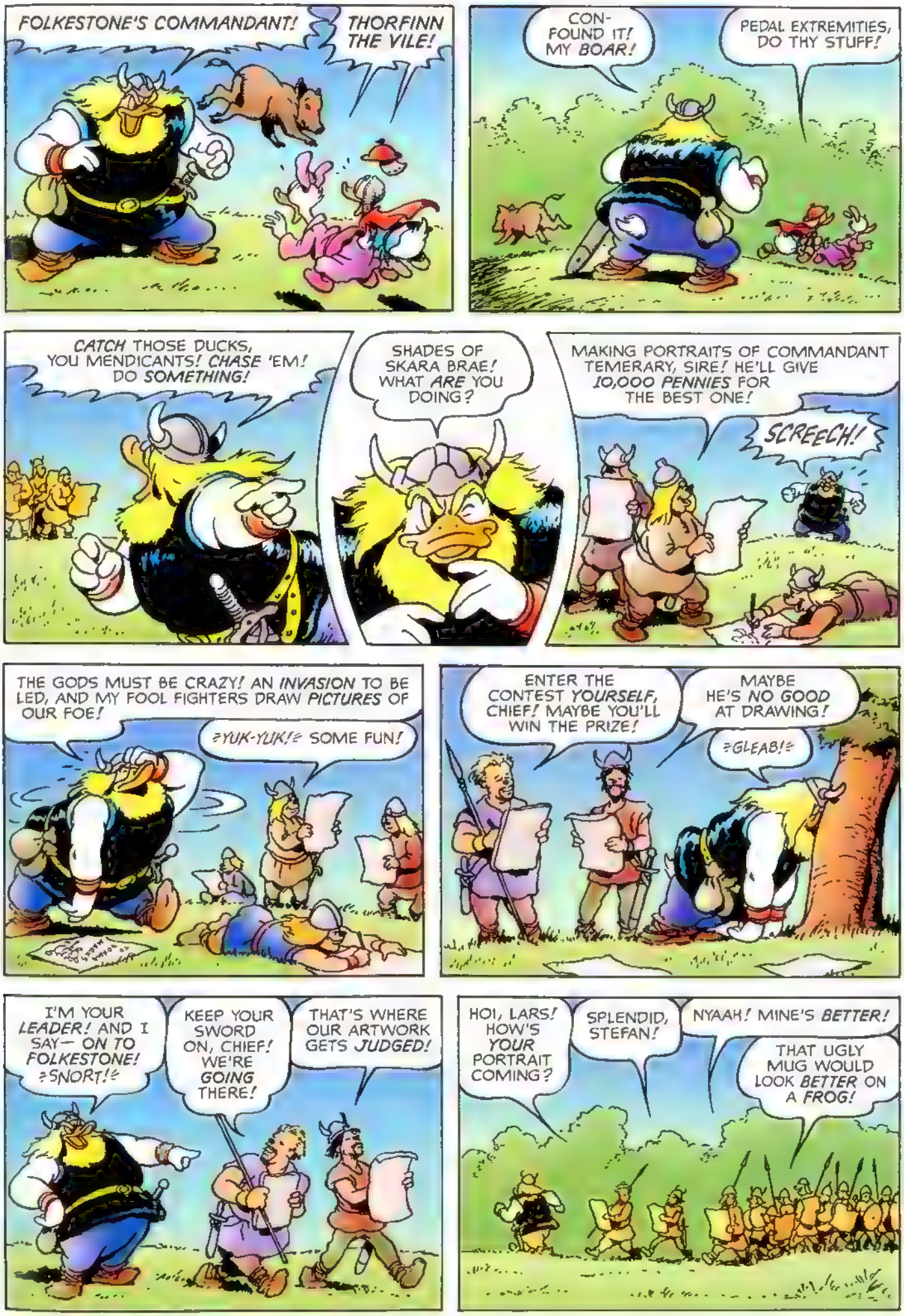
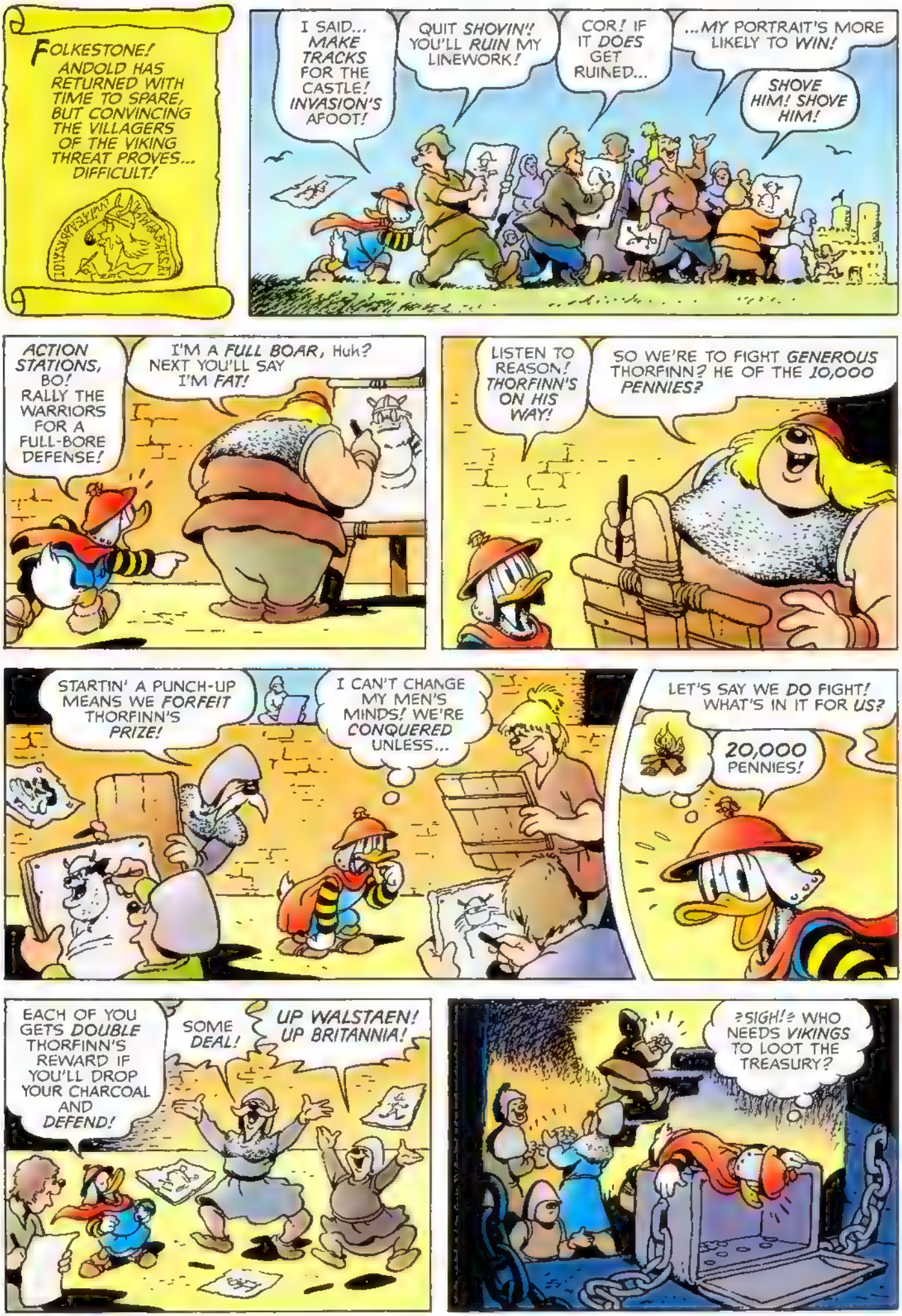

AYDIS! DOWN THERE! V-V-VUH-VI-VI... NORMANS!
HOI!
THEY WEREN'T HERE LAST NIGHT! THEY MUST BE MOVING SOUTH TOWARD FOLKESTONE!
MAGNUS IS BACK, LADS! HE SAYS THE POSTERS ARE UP AND OUR GAME IS AFOOT!
THE BRITONS ARE OBSESSED WITH BEING ARTISTS NOW! WHEN WE INVADE, THEY'LL BE UNPREPARED TO DEFEND!
WE'LL ENSLAVE ALL FOLKESTONE AND GUT WALSTAEN CASTLE! IT'LL BE EASY AS BLOOD PUDDING! =SNICKER!=
NOW STAY HERE, MATES! BACK IN AN HOUR! I'M OFF TO CATCH A WILD BOAR FOR SUPPER...
WITH MY BARE HANDS!
UP THORFINN!
UP NORWAY!
UP VALHALLA!! HA-HAAA!
BLAZING INFERNOS!
SO THAT'S THORFINN! I'VE GOT GOOSEBUMPS ON MY GOOSEBUMPS!
WE'LL WAIT 'TIL THEY'VE LEFT AND THEN RUN, AYDIS! FLY LIKE BRITON BATS OUT OF SCANDINAVIAN HADES!

BUT THE TIME TO SCRAM ISN'T QUICK IN COMING...
BY HROTHGAR, THORFINN'S BEEN GONE LONG ENOUGH! I'M FAMISHED!
AS AM I!
DITTO!
WELL, WE NEEDN'T WAIT FOR THAT BOAR! BELAY THE MEAT COURSE AND FIRE UP THE SOUP TUREEN!
O HAPPY EYES! O HAPPY EARS! TOO HAPPY, HAPPY NOSE— THAT SMELLS OF ONIONS ALL DAY LONG, FOR WHOM FRESH GARLIC GROWS!
EYE OF POTATO, MOSS OF LOG! ELDERBERRIES FROM THE BOG! VINES THAT DOWN FROM BRANCHES SNAKE, IN THE CAULDRON BOIL AND BAKE!
GREAT ROLAND'S GHOST! =SLURP!= MY MOUTH WATERS OVER!
YOU NE'ER SAY THAT OF MY COOKERY!
I'M NOT PLAYING FAVORITES! I JUST HAVEN'T EATEN TODAY, AND...
GROWL! GRUMBLE!
GRUMBLE!
UPON MY TROTH! YON SAPLING SPOKE!
IS IT VILE SORCERY, OR...
CALL THE ROUND TABLE! WE'RE IN TROUBLE!

SPYING ON US, Eh, ENGLISH UPSTARTS?!
TALK... OR END YOUR DAYS AS DUCK SOUP!
-GARGLE!-
-POOF!-
TELL THEM SOMETHING, ANDOLD! WE'RE ABOUT TO BE SPOILED BY TOO MANY COOKS!
-UMPH!- I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
THORFINN'S SCHEMING FOOLED MY VILLAGERS! MAYBE HIS OWN VIKINGS BE LIKEWISE SUCKERS!
YOU KNOW NOT WHY WE'RE HERE?! WHY, TO MAKE YOU THE SAME OFFER YOUR LEADER GAVE FOLKESTONE!
FORGET ABOUT FIGHTING WITH US, AND CREATE THE BEST PICTURES YOU CAN OF ME!
BRING THEM ALL TO MY VILLAGE IN TWO DAYS' TIME...
...AND I'LL GIVE THE BEST ARTIST 10,000 PENNIES, MYSELF!
YON ENGLISH BLAGGARD HAE A NOBLE CHALLENGE!
ARRR!
ARRR!
ARRR!
THUS ANDOLD WANGLES HIS WAY TO FREEDOM...
HIE BACK TO FOLKESTONE, BRITON BENEFACTOR! WE'LL BRING OUR ARTWORK IN TWO DAYS' TIME!
GODBEWI'YE...
DOPES!
GREAT HOWLING CRASHCHARIOTS!

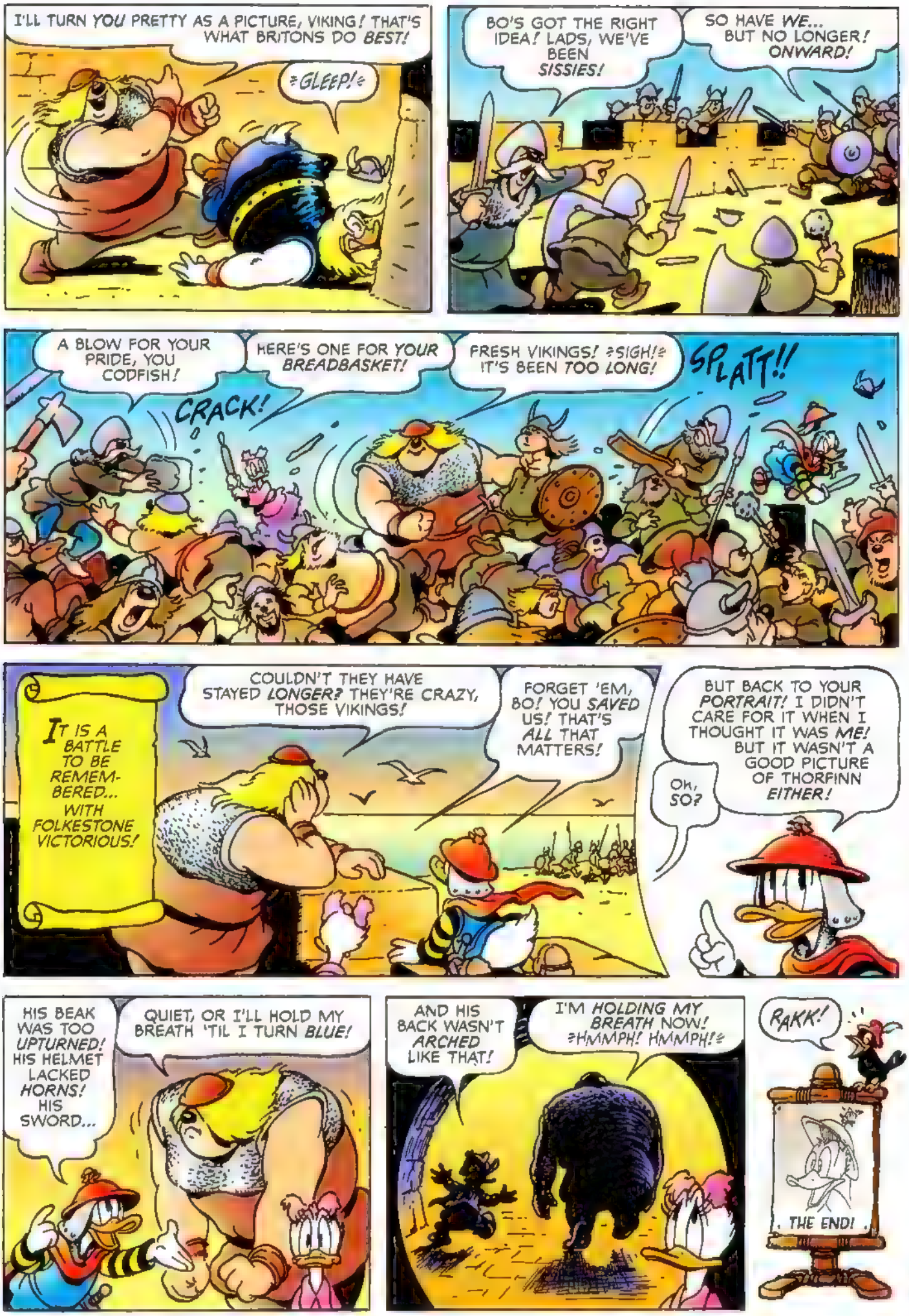

FOLKESTONE'S COMMANDANT!
THORFINN THE VILE!
CON-FOUND IT! MY BOAR!
PEDAL EXTREMITIES, DO THY STUFF!
CATCH THOSE DUCKS, YOU MENDICANTS! CHASE 'EM! DO SOMETHING!
SHADES OF SKARA BRAE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MAKING PORTRAITS OF COMMANDANT TEMERARY, SIRE! HE'LL GIVE 10,000 PENNIES FOR THE BEST ONE!
SCREECH!
THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY! AN INVASION TO BE LED, AND MY FOOL FIGHTERS DRAW PICTURES OF OUR FOE!
=YUK-YUK!= SOME FUN!
ENTER THE CONTEST YOURSELF, CHIEF! MAYBE YOU'LL WIN THE PRIZE!
MAYBE HE'S NO GOOD AT DRAWING!
=GLEAB!=
I'M YOUR LEADER! AND I SAY— ON TO FOLKESTONE! =SNORT!=
KEEP YOUR SWORD ON, CHIEF! WE'RE GOING THERE!
THAT'S WHERE OUR ARTWORK GETS JUDGED!
HOI, LARS! HOW'S YOUR PORTRAIT COMING?
SPLENDID, STEFAN!
NYAAH! MINE'S BETTER!
THAT UGLY MUG WOULD LOOK BETTER ON A FROG!


FOLKESTONE! ANDOLD HAS RETURNED WITH TIME TO SPARE, BUT CONVINCING THE VILLAGERS OF THE VIKING THREAT PROVES... DIFFICULT!
I SAID... MAKE TRACKS FOR THE CASTLE! INVASION'S AFOOT!
QUIT SHOVIN'! YOU'LL RUIN MY LINEWORK!
COR! IF IT DOES GET RUINED...
...MY PORTRAIT'S MORE LIKELY TO WIN!
SHOVE HIM! SHOVE HIM!
ACTION STATIONS, BO! RALLY THE WARRIORS FOR A FULL-BORE DEFENSE!
I'M A FULL BOAR, Huh? NEXT YOU'LL SAY I'M FAT!
LISTEN TO REASON! THORFINN'S ON HIS WAY!
SO WE'RE TO FIGHT GENEROUS THORFINN? HE OF THE 10,000 PENNIES?
STARTIN' A PUNCH-UP MEANS WE FORFEIT THORFINN'S PRIZE!
I CAN'T CHANGE MY MEN'S MINDS! WE'RE CONQUERED UNLESS...
LET'S SAY WE DO FIGHT! WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?
20,000 PENNIES!
EACH OF YOU GETS DOUBLE THORFINN'S REWARD IF YOU'LL DROP YOUR CHARCOAL AND DEFEND!
SOME DEAL!
UP WALSTAEN! UP BRITANNIA!
SIGH! WHO NEEDS VIKINGS TO LOOT THE TREASURY?

NEEDED OR NOT, THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY...
MARCH, BILIOUS WOLVES! BEHOLD THE TARGET FOR TONIGHT!
MY GRANDPA GAUT WAS AN ARTIST, TOO!
YOUR GRANDPA HAD THE GOUT?
I SAID... THAT'S OUR TARGET! ATTACK!
STOP COPYING! I'LL TELL THORFINN ON YOU!
STICK IT IN YOUR HELMET, TATTLE-TALE!
BELAY YOUR LAZINESS, BUMS! FIGHT FOR THE HOME OF LUTEFISK! FOR THE LAND OF THE LONGBOAT!
FOR THE GLORY OF ODIN!
HOW'S THIS ONE?
JOLLY GOOD! IS IT A MOUSE, OR A HORSE?
=SIGH!= I SUPPOSE 10,000 PENNIES IS REASON NOT TO FIGHT! MAYBE THEY'D REJOIN BATTLE FOR 20,000...
CHIEF, IT'S A DEAL!
20,000 PENNIES, APIECE!
IT'S LIKE WE'VE EACH WON THE CONTEST! UP THORFINN!
=GROAN!=
NOW CHARGE WALSTAEN, VENAL SONS OF LOKI! T'WILL BE UNDER OUR THUMB ERE THE RED MOON RISES!

AS SO OFTEN SEEMS TO HAPPEN IN FOLKESTONE, THE VIKINGS ATTACK AND THE BRITONS DEFEND...
STAND BACK AND BE CONQUERED! =OOF!=
BONG!
HAVE A CONK, CONQUERER!
KEEP YOUR CHIN UP, SAXON PIG! I NEED A TARGET!
THOOK!
AS DO I... AND YOU'LL SUFFICE!
CLOUT!
HOOT MON! YOU'RE VICIOUS!
I NEED TO BE! I WAS PAID 20,000 PENNIES TO ATTACK!
THUD!
SO WAS I... TO STOP ME FROM DRAWING!
I'D RATHER DRAW! =PUFF!= THIS IS WEARING ME OUT!
CRACK!
COR, THEN WHY FIGHT? WE HAVE OUR PAY ALREADY!
BY RINGERIKE! SO WE DO!
WE'RE RICH! WHO CARES WHAT OUR COMMANDANTS WANT?
A POX ON WARFARE!
AYE!
AYE!
CALL OFF THIS FRAY! WE'RE GOING ON STRIKE!
I GUESS THE PENNY IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD!
WORRY NOT, COMMANDANT! YOU, AYDIS, AND THORFINN ARE STILL LEFT TO BATTLE...
...AND THERE ARE TWO OF YOU TO HIS ONE! YOU'RE SURE TO WIN!

ARRR! I'LL BEAT YOU LIKE I BEAT MY WARRIORS AT HNEFATAFL!
YOU SLAY YOUR OWN MEN FOR LOSING A BOARD GAME?
FORGET IT! RUN!
TONIGHT YOU SUP IN VALHALLA!
NO THANKS! I AIN'T HUNGRY!
CLANG!
NOR AM I! =GULP!= WE'RE ON A DIET!
AN IRON-FREE DIET! GET THAT SWORD OUTTA HERE!
HAW! HAW! NOW, FOOLS, I WIN THIS THREE-PERSON WAR... AND TAKE WALSTAEN CASTLE!
=GASP!=
=GASP!=
YOU WILL NOT! I'VE JUST REMEMBERED HOW MUCH FUN IT IS TO FIGHT!
THUMP MY BEST FRIEND, EH?! USE THAT CONTEST TO GET HIM IN YOUR CLUTCHES, Eh?
=OOG!=
HAVE SOME PERFORMANCE ART! I CALL IT "A BOLT FROM THE BLUE!"
=HURK!=
TCHAC!


I'LL TURN YOU PRETTY AS A PICTURE, VIKING! THAT'S WHAT BRITONS DO BEST!
=GLEEP!=
BO'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA! LADS, WE'VE BEEN SISSIES!
SO HAVE WE... BUT NO LONGER! ONWARD!
A BLOW FOR YOUR PRIDE, YOU CODFISH!
HERE'S ONE FOR YOUR BREADBASKET!
FRESH VIKINGS! =SIGH!= IT'S BEEN TOO LONG!
CRACK!
SPLATT!!
IT IS A BATTLE TO BE REMEMBERED... WITH FOLKESTONE VICTORIOUS!
COULDN'T THEY HAVE STAYED LONGER? THEY'RE CRAZY, THOSE VIKINGS!
FORGET 'EM, BO! YOU SAVED US! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!
BUT BACK TO YOUR PORTRAIT! I DIDN'T CARE FOR IT WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS ME! BUT IT WASN'T A GOOD PICTURE OF THORFINN EITHER!
OH, SO?
HIS BEAK WAS TOO UPTURNED! HIS HELMET LACKED HORNS! HIS SWORD...
QUIET, OR I'LL HOLD MY BREATH 'TIL I TURN BLUE!
AND HIS BACK WASN'T ARCHED LIKE THAT!
I'M HOLDING MY BREATH NOW! =HMMPH! HMMPH!=
RAKK!
THE END!

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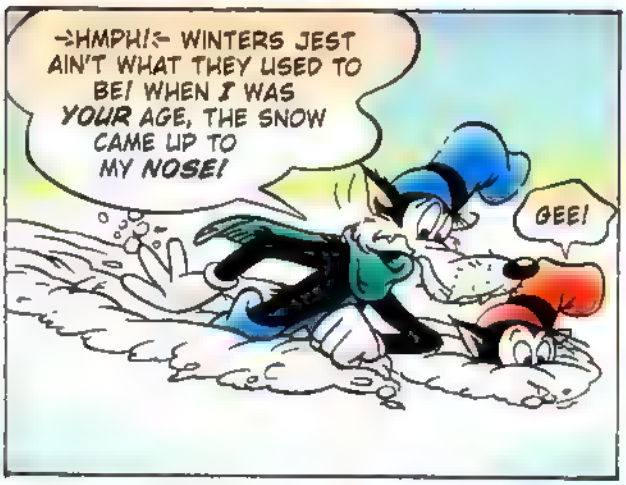
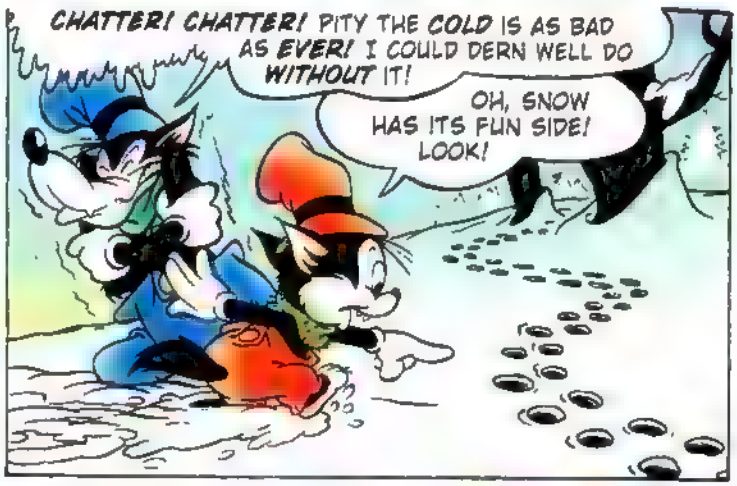
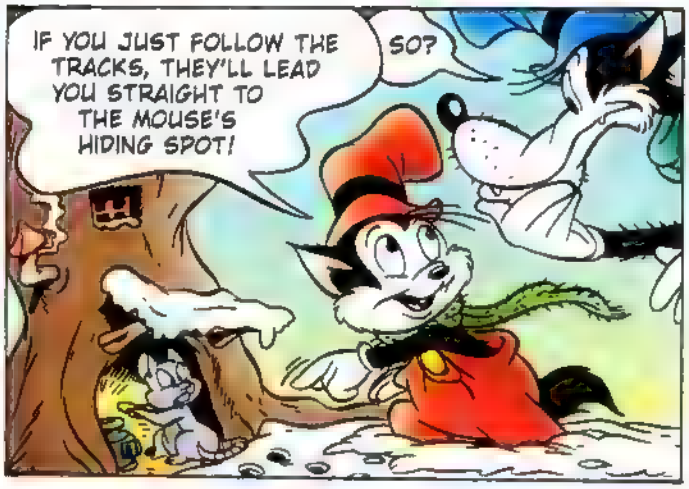
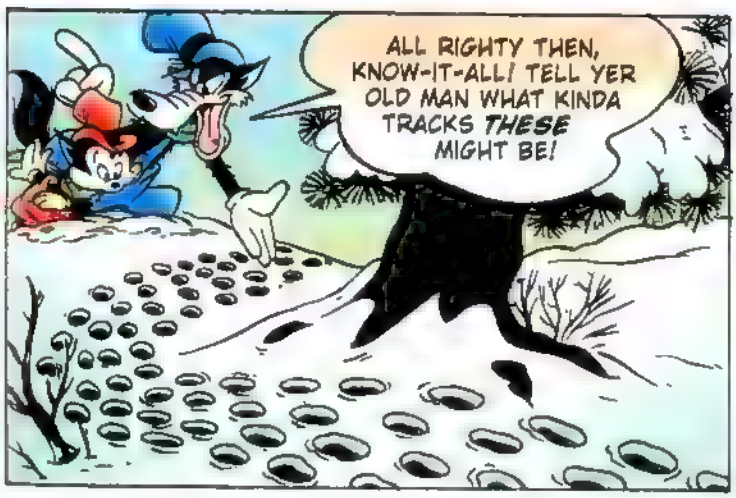
BRRR!
The BIG BAD WOLF
JUMPIN' WHILLIKERS! IT SNOWED LAST NIGHT...AND A LOT! COME AND TAKE A LOOK, POP!

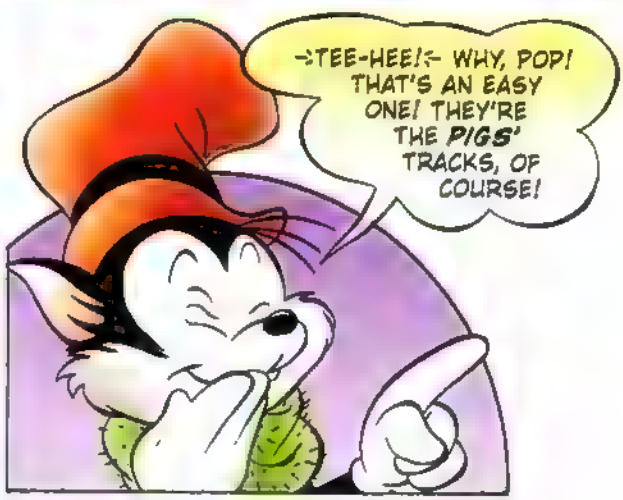

-:HMPH!:- WINTERS JEST AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE! WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, THE SNOW CAME UP TO MY NOSE!
GEE!


CHATTER! CHATTER! PITY THE COLD IS AS BAD AS EVER! I COULD DERN WELL DO WITHOUT IT!
OH, SNOW HAS ITS FUN SIDE! LOOK!

A FIELD MOUSE RAN THIS WAY! I CAN TELL FROM THE TRACKS!
NO! I MEAN IT!
BALONEY!


IF YOU JUST FOLLOW THE TRACKS, THEY'LL LEAD YOU STRAIGHT TO THE MOUSE'S HIDING SPOT!
SO?


ALL RIGHTY THEN, KNOW-IT-ALL! TELL YER OLD MAN WHAT KINDA TRACKS THESE MIGHT BE!


-:TEE-HEE!:- WHY, POP! THAT'S AN EASY ONE! THEY'RE THE PIGS' TRACKS, OF COURSE!

HAR! HAR! I THOUGHT SO! NOW I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE!
OOOPS!
NOT FAR AWAY!
NERTS! PRACTICAL ALWAYS MAKES US DO THESE BORING CHORES! LIKE GOING SHOPPING AT THE CRACK OF DAWN!
STOP WHINING! MY ARMLOAD IS HEAVIER!
ZIGGITY DIGGITY! RING THE BELL FOR BRUNCH!
=YIPES!= THE WOLF!
HELP! HELP!
PRACTI-CAL!
THIS WAY, QUICK, BROTHERS! COME ON IN!
SAVED IN THE NICK OF TIME! NOW TO BLOCK THE DOOR!
=PUFF! PUFF!=
=GASP! PUFF= DADBLAST IT! I'VE GOTTA GET IN BETTER SHAPE!
BUT I AIN'T LOST YET! I'LL JUST HIDE BEHIND THIS TREE!
SOONER OR LATER THEY'LL HAFTA COME OUT TO RUN THEIR ERRANDS, AND THEN-HEE! HEE!

WHATCHA THINK, PRACTICAL? IS THE BAD WOLF GONE?
I DON'T SEE HIM ANYWHERE!
BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY!...
BUT I SUPPOSE THE COAST IS CLEAR! OKAY FIDDLER, FIFER-BACK TO YOUR ERRANDS!
THIS TIME YOU CARRY THE HEAVY BAGS!
=SNICKER!= THEY DON'T SUSPECT A THING!
HEY, WHAT KIND OF TRACKS ARE THOSE?
THEY'RE THE BAD WOLF'S!
THEY GO STRAIGHT TO THAT TREE!
!
FOILED AGAIN!
TRACKS WERE GREAT WHEN THEY HELPED ME FIND THE PIGGIES! BUT THEY AIN'T S'POSED TO WORK TH' OTHER WAY!
=HMMM!= AN' THEY MIGHT NOT... MUCH LONGER!
A LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE HIS SPOTS! BUT I KNOW HOW TO CHANGE MY TRACKS-AN' DECOY THEM PIGS UTTERLY!
SOON...
NO NEW TRACKS FROM THE BIG BAD WOLF- JUST THESE OLD ONES LEFT FROM BEFORE! THE PATH SEEMS SAFE!

-:HMM!:- BUT WHAT MAKES THESE STRANGE TRACKS?
ME, SMARTY PANTS! I KNEW YOU'D NEVER GUESS I WAS WALKIN' ON STILTS!
-:GASP!:-
-:GASP!:-
MAYBE SO! BUT YOU'VE NEVER GUESSED THAT STILTS MAKE YOU EASY TO KNOCK OVER!
I...AM TH' PRIZE FOOL TO END 'EM ALL!
LUCKY FER ME THE SNOW IS SOFT-
CRACK!
BAM!
NEXT DAY!
WHAT'S WRONG, BROTHERS? WHY HAVEN'T YOU GONE OUTSIDE?
ER...FUNNY TRACKS OUTSIDE THE DOOR AGAIN!
OH, THAT'S NOTHING! THEY'RE JUST THE BAD WOLF'S TRACKS!
"JUST?!"
DON'T BE AFRAID! ASIDE FROM GIVING AWAY THEIR MAKER, TRACKS CAN ALSO TELL YOU THAT HE'S NOT IN CONDITION TO CHASE PIGS!
BAH!
FEELING BETTER, POP?

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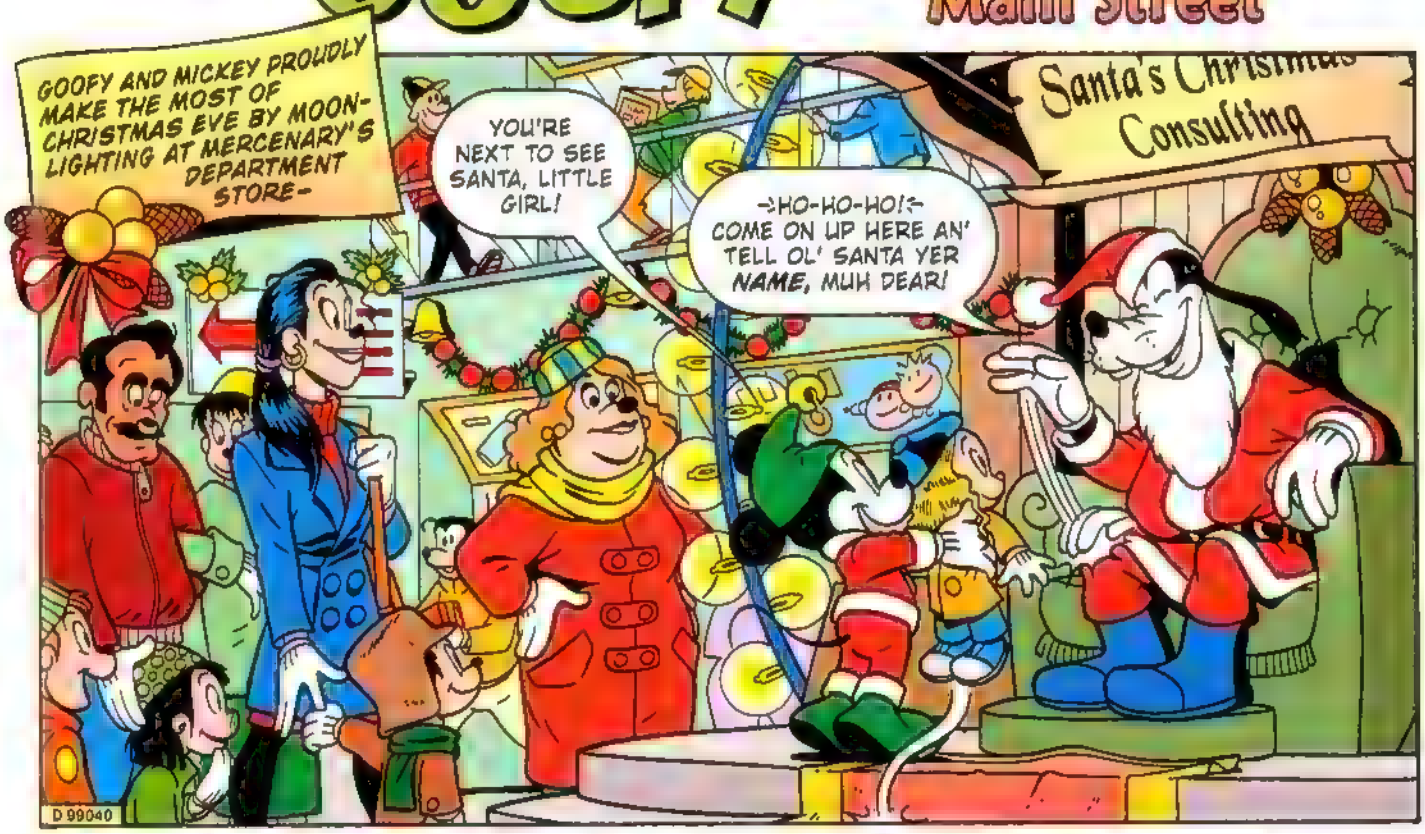
GOOFY AND MICKEY PROUDLY MAKE THE MOST OF CHRISTMAS EVE BY MOONLIGHTING AT MERCENARY'S DEPARTMENT STORE-
YOU'RE NEXT TO SEE SANTA, LITTLE GIRL!
Santa's Christmas Consulting
=HO-HO-HO!= COME ON UP HERE AN' TELL OL' SANTA YER NAME, MUH DEAR!
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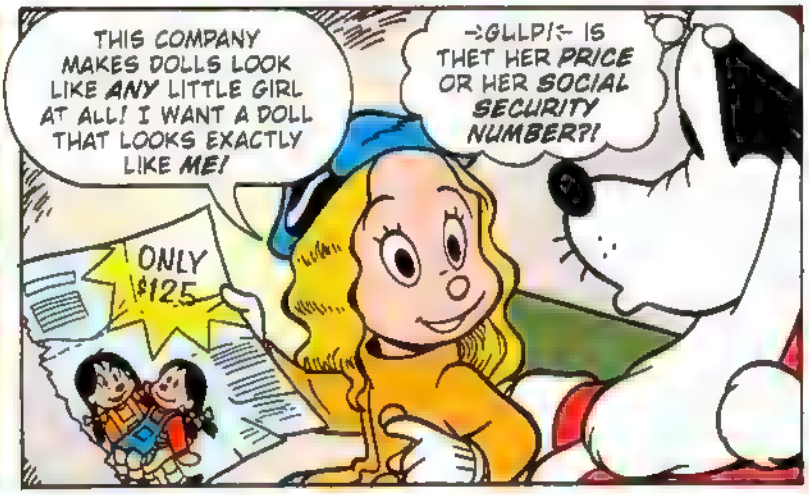
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=GLLP!= IS THET HER PRICE OR HER SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER?!
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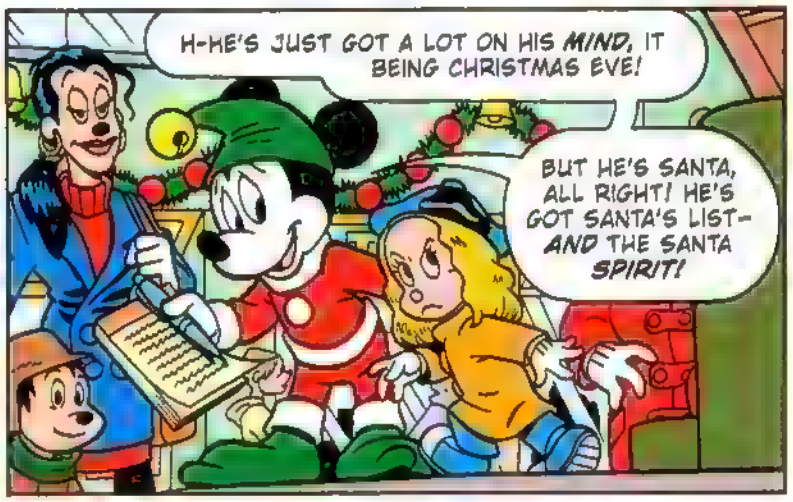
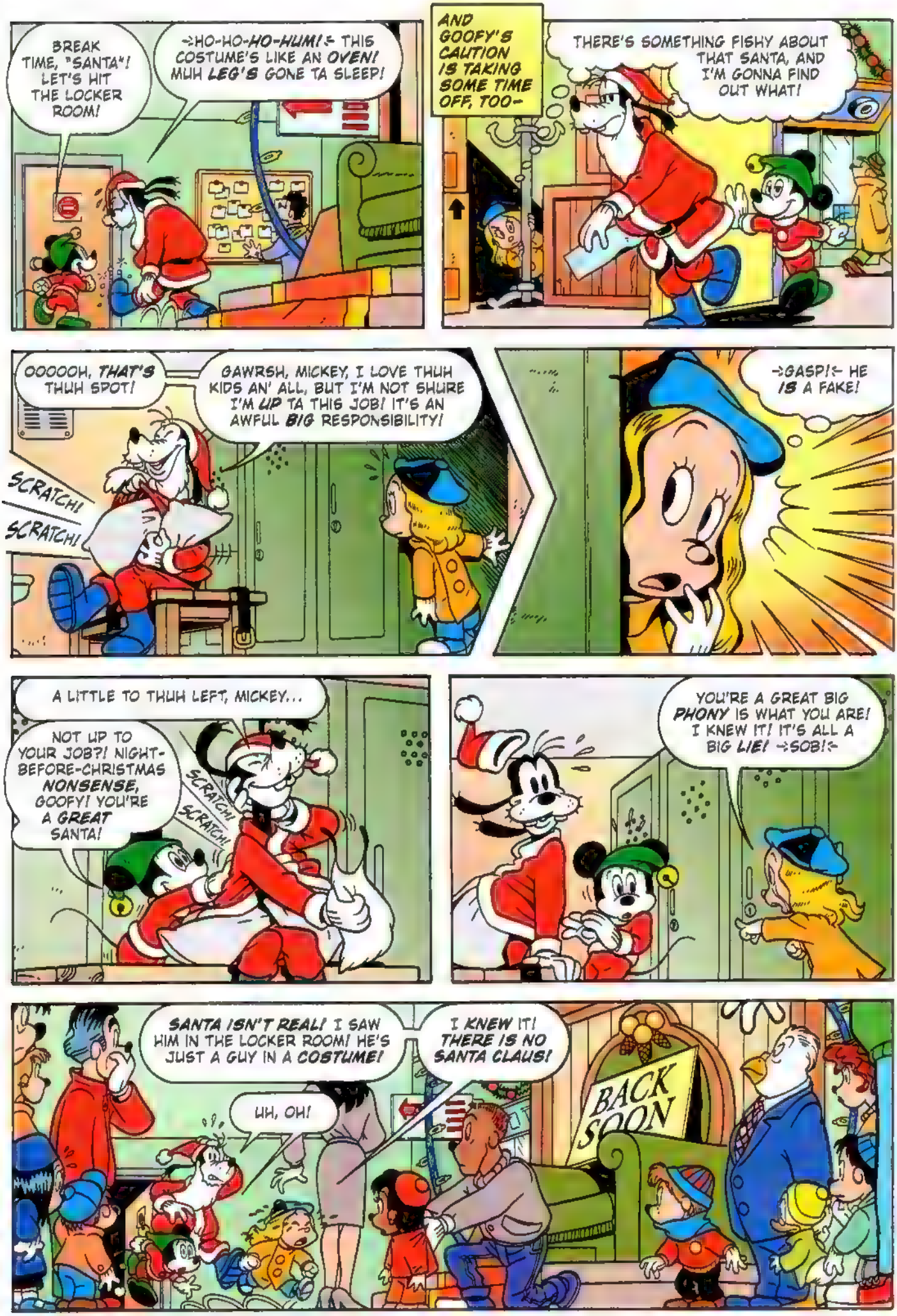
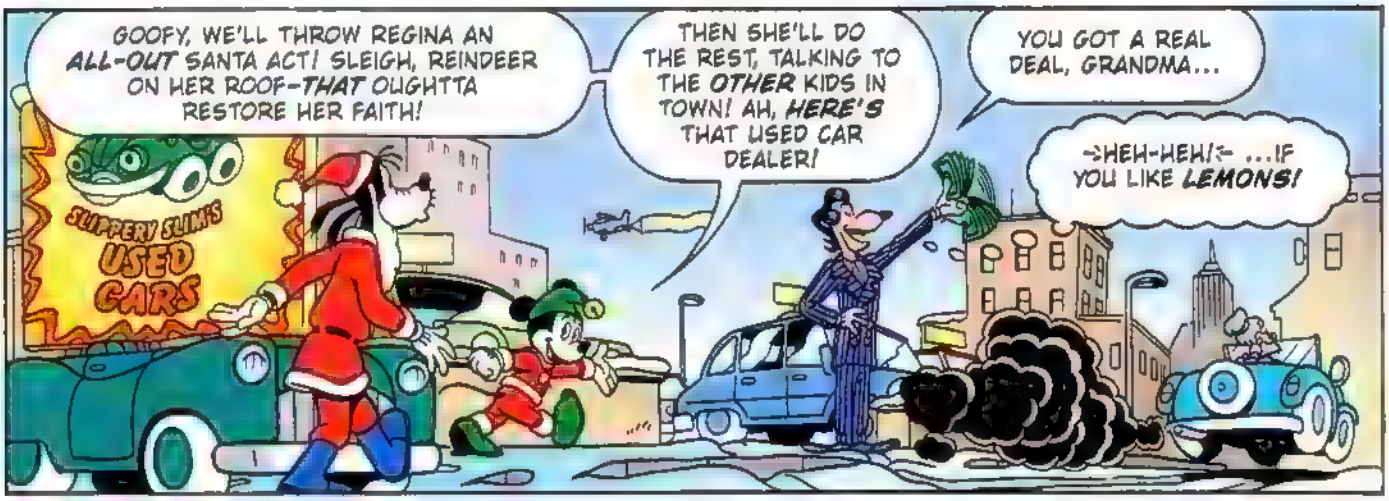



BREAK TIME, "SANTA"! LET'S HIT THE LOCKER ROOM!
=HO-HO-HO-HUM!= THIS COSTUME'S LIKE AN OVEN! MUH LEG'S GONE TA SLEEP!
AND GOOFY'S CAUTION IS TAKING SOME TIME OFF, TOO-
THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THAT SANTA, AND I'M GONNA FIND OUT WHAT!
OOOOOH, THAT'S THUH SPOT!
GAWRSH, MICKEY, I LOVE THUH KIDS AN' ALL, BUT I'M NOT SHURE I'M UP TA THIS JOB! IT'S AN AWFUL BIG RESPONSIBILITY!
SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
=GASP!= HE IS A FAKE!
A LITTLE TO THUH LEFT, MICKEY...
NOT UP TO YOUR JOB?! NIGHT-BEFORE-CHRISTMAS NONSENSE, GOOFY! YOU'RE A GREAT SANTA!
SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
YOU'RE A GREAT BIG PHONY IS WHAT YOU ARE! I KNEW IT! IT'S ALL A BIG LIE! =SOB!=
SANTA ISN'T REAL! I SAW HIM IN THE LOCKER ROOM! HE'S JUST A GUY IN A COSTUME!
I KNEW IT! THERE IS NO SANTA CLAUS!
UH, OH!
BACK SOON

WAAAAAH!
HOW DARE YOU LEAD OUR CHILDREN TO BELIEVE THERE'S NO SANTA?! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
WAIT! PLEASE!
YEAH! SIMMER DOWN— I MEAN, HO-HO-HOLD ON THERE! ALL IS WELL!
WAAAAAH!
OH, SO?
YOU'D BETTER DO SOMETHING TO WIN BACK THE FAITH OF THOSE KIDS, OR YOU'RE FIRED! UNDERSTAND?!
Y-YESSIR!
STORE OWNER
WE'VE GOTTA COME UP WITH A SOLUTION— AND FAST!
IF I GREW A REAL BEARD AND DRANK LOTSA MILKSHAKES, I'D LOOK MORE LIKE THUH REAL SANTA!
NO TIME FOR THAT— EVEN AT THE RATE YOU DRINK MILKSHAKES!
I KNOW! WE'LL GET REGINA THET DOLL THET LOOKS LIKE 'ER!
THAT'LL ONLY FIX US UP IN REGINA'S EYES! WE NEED TO RESTORE HER BELIEF IN SANTA...AND IN YOUR SANTA SPIRIT!
EXIT
IT'S LIKE I WAS TELLING HER BEFORE...
WOW! I'VE GOT IT! GOOFY, WE'RE GONNA TAKE YOUR PLAN ONE STEP FARTHER!
HUH?!
WHATEVER YOU'RE UP TO HAD BETTER WORK—OR I'LL HAVE YOU ARRESTED FOR CORRUPTING MINORS!


GOOFY, WE'LL THROW REGINA AN ALL-OUT SANTA ACT! SLEIGH, REINDEER ON HER ROOF—THAT OUGHTTA RESTORE HER FAITH!
THEN SHE'LL DO THE REST, TALKING TO THE OTHER KIDS IN TOWN! AH, HERE'S THAT USED CAR DEALER!
YOU GOT A REAL DEAL, GRANDMA...
=HEH-HEH!= ...IF YOU LIKE LEMONS!
SLIPPERY SLIM'S USED CARS

WELL HOWDY, "SANTA"—THIS IS A REAL HONOR! SLIPPERY SLIM AT YOUR SERVICE!
SKIP THE SNOWJOB, SLIM, AND SHOW US YOUR CHEAP SLEIGHS!

SANTA AND HIS HEAD ELF DESPERATE FOR A SLEIGH?! NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING!
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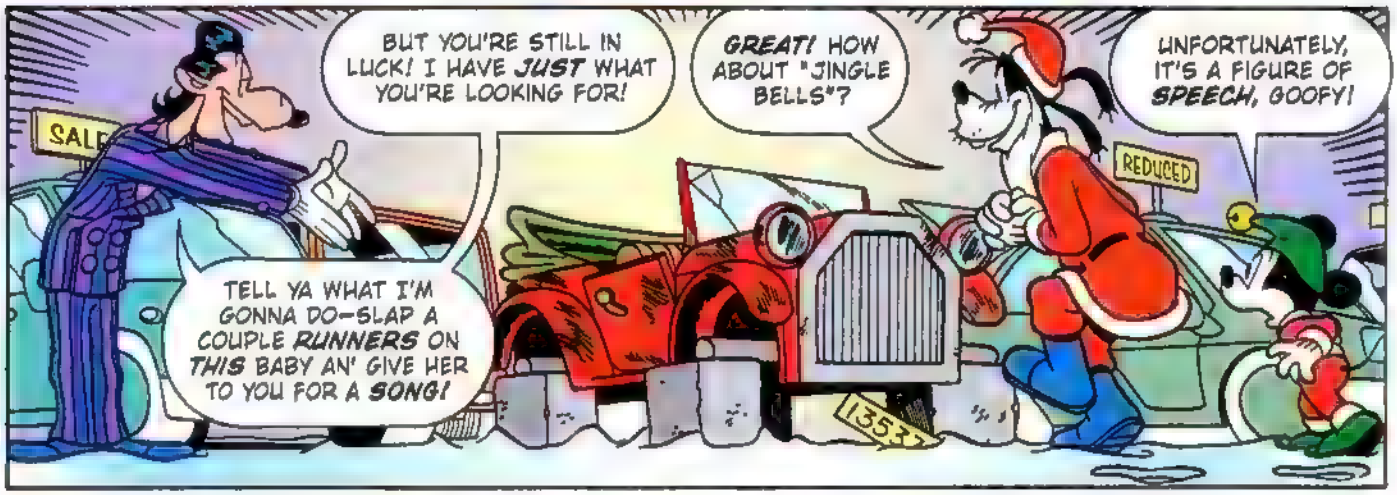
BUT YOU'RE STILL IN LUCK! I HAVE JUST WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!
GREAT! HOW ABOUT "JINGLE BELLS"?
UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S A FIGURE OF SPEECH, GOOFY!
TELL YA WHAT I'M GONNA DO—SLAP A COUPLE RUNNERS ON THIS BABY AN' GIVE HER TO YOU FOR A SONG!
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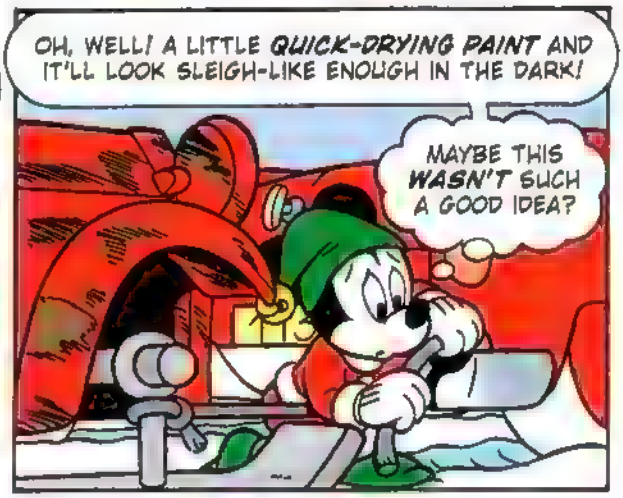
YOU DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN, "SANTA"!
MOST OF OUR MONEY FOR THIS—PILE OF PARTS!


OH, WELL! A LITTLE QUICK-DRYING PAINT AND IT'LL LOOK SLEIGH-LIKE ENOUGH IN THE DARK!
MAYBE THIS WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA?

STEP TWO- REINDEER!
ZOO
I SUBBED AS AN ASSISTANT ZOOKEEPER A COUPLE YEARS AGO! I HOPE THEY REMEMBER ME FONDLY ENOUGH TO DO US A FAVOR!
ZOOKEEPER
...SO YOU SEE, "SANTA'S" GOTTA HAVE REINDEER TO CONVINCE REGINA WE'RE THE REAL DEAL!
QUITE A STORY, MICKEY! I'VE A GRANDDAUGHTER THAT AGE-BIT OF A SKEPTIC HERSELF!
BUT IF THUH KIDS LOSE FAITH, IT'LL ALL BE MY FAULT!
NOW, NOW! NEVER SAID I WOULDN'T HELP! I'LL LOAN YOU THE DEER, AND THEY'RE TAME ENOUGH TO WALK ON LEASHES!
BUT BOYS, I'VE ONLY GOT SIX! SEEMS TO ME SANTA USES EIGHT!
-UH-OH!- IT'S NOT A COMPLETE SET, MICKEY!
NO, BUT SIX REINDEER ARE--GULP!- BETTER THAN NONE!
-FWEET!- LET'S GO, REINDEER! DON'T I COMMAND ANY AUTHORITY?
-ARGH!- IF IT'S THIS HARD TO PLAY SANTA, MAYBE WE OUGHT TO GIVE UP...
BUT MOUSETON NEEDS US-AND ITS KIDS NEED OUR SANTA SPIRIT! THEY'VE GOTTA BELIEVE!...RIGHT?!

HERE, REINDEER, REINDEER, REINDEER! →KISS! KISS!←
GIDDY-UP AN' GO, BOYS!
HMM! THEY PROB'LY CAN'T BE PERSUADED WITH *FOOD*, MICKEY! LOOKS LIKE THEY JUST *FINISHED* THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER!
→UNGH!← GEE, I WONDER IF THUH *REAL* SANTA HAS THIS TOUGH A TIME WITH HIS TEAM?
MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY *PULLING!*
C'MON, YUH STUBBORN BEAST!
→UMPH!← *WHOA* THERE, BLITZEN!
→PANT! PHEW!← THAT DISTRACTED THEM ENOUGH TO BE *MOVEABLE*, GOOFY! THANKS!
AND SINCE YOU'RE TWO DEER SHORT, ADD A FEW *WATER BUFFALO* TO THE TEAM! THEY'RE GRUMPY TOO, BUT *HUNGRIER* THAN THE REINDEER!

IT'S HOME FOR A SLEIGH PAINT-JOB! THEN, AT LAST-
FOR A WHILE, I THOUGHT OUR PLAN WAS A DUD! NOW I THINK IT MIGHT ACTUALLY WORK!
I HO-HO-HO-HOPE SO! TH' WHOLE STREET'S ASLEEP-VISIONS O' SUGARPLUMS DANCIN' IN THEIR HEADS!
HERE'S REGINA'S HOUSE!
=GUFFAW!= I ALMOST FEEL LIKE I AM THUH REAL SANTA CLAUS!
JUMPING JINGLE-BELLS, GOOFY! I'M SURE SANTA H.MSELF WOULD BE PROUD OF US!
NOW WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE PROBLEM- HOW DO WE GET THE WHOLE SHEBANG UP ONTO THE ROOF?
YUH DON'T SUPPOSE THEY'RE FLYIN' BUFFALO?
THEY'LL HAVE TO CLIMB! THESE BOARDS ARE A LITTLE RICKETY, BUT I GUESS THEY'LL HAVE TO DO!
ON DONNER! ON BLITZEN! COME 'N' GET IT!
CRRRAAK!

WE'VE GOTTA MAKE THIS WORK! WE JUST GOTTA!
HERE GOES NOTHING!
CAREFUL, GOOFY! YOU'RE A BIT BIGGER THAN NOTHING!
I'M STUCK! I'M STUCK! I BET THIS NEVER HAPPENS TO THUH REAL SANTA!
MAYBE IF WE GOT SOME BUTTER, WE COULD SLIDE YOU DOWN...
=GASP!=
SERVES YOU RIGHT! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW RIDICULOUS YOU LOOK? FOR STARTERS, SANTA WOULD NEVER USE BUFFALO!
HE MIGHT, IN A PINCH! =UNGH!=
OKAY, I ADMIT MAYBE WE'RE NOT THE MOST BELIEVABLE SANTA CREW, BUT WE'RE DEFINITELY FOR REAL!
WE WENT THROUGH A LOT TO GET HERE! WE'VE =GULP!= GOT THE SANTA SPIRIT!

AND HOW ELSE COULD WE GET YOU THE DOLL YOU ASKED FOR?
=SIGH!= YOU GUYS AREN'T SO BAD! AND I APPRECIATE ALL THE TROUBLE YOU WENT TO, JUST TO PROVE TO ME THERE'S A SANTA!
BUT I GUESS I'M OLD ENOUGH NOW TO ACCEPT THAT HE JUST ISN'T REAL!
SAY IT AIN'T SO, REGINA! O' COURSE THERE'S A SANTA! I'M ONLY SORRY HE MAY SEE ME STUCK HERE!
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO CONVINCE YOU!
SORRY-BUT THANKS FOR TRYING, GUYS! I'M GETTING COLD, AND I SHOULD GO BACK TO BED!
Ching-Ching-Ching-Ching!
SLEIGH BELLS!... SANTA CLAUS!
=HO-HO-HO!= HERE'S A SIGHT I DON'T SEE EVERY CHRISTMAS!

THANKS, SANTA!
THANK YOU, GOOFY! WHILE IT'S REALLY MY JOB TO KEEP CHILDREN BELIEVING IN ME...
...I ALSO OWE IT TO OTHERS SPREADING MY SPIRIT OF YULET DE WARMTH! THAT SPIRIT LIVES IN PEOPLE LIKE GOOFY!
JUST BETWEEN US, REGINA, I ALSO LIKE LOCKER ROOM BREAKS!
OH, THANK YOU, SANTA! NOW I HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL DOLLS!
REGINA SURE IS HAPPY!
SAY, IF SANTA'S EVEN BIGGER THAN I AM, HOW DOES HE GET DOWN THUH CHIMNEY?
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT, GOOFY! I'M SURE ST. NICK HAS IT ALL FIGURED OUT!

WALT DISNEY PRESENTS

CHIP 'N DALE

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ONE WINTER, DONALD GAILY GOES UP IN THE HILLS AFTER IT SNOWS! HE RENTS A CABIN! BRR! ALL NIGHT HE SHIVERS, WAITING FOR DAYLIGHT!

HE LOOKS FOR WOOD TO BUILD A FIRE! THE EMPTY WOOD BOX ROUSES IRE!

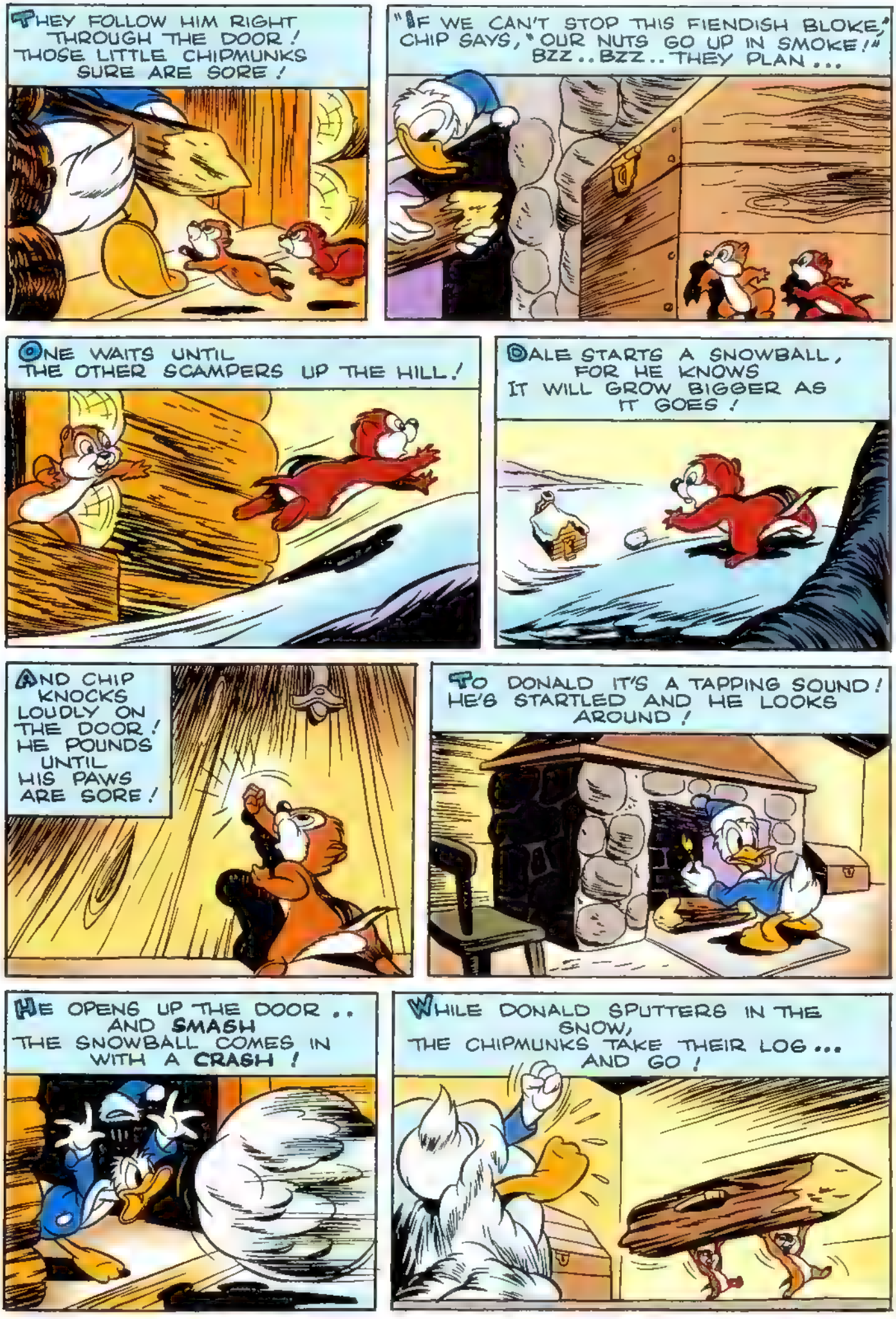
HE GRABS THE AXE! "THEY CAN'T FREEZE ME," HE SAYS, "I'LL GO CHOP DOWN A TREE!"

HE SEES A TREE STUMP! IT LOOKS GOOD! "AHA!" HE SAYS, "THAT'S **EASY** WOOD!"

THOUGH DONALD DUCK IS UNAWARE, TWO CHIPMUNKS, CHIP AND DALE, LIVE THERE! THE KNOTHOLE IS THEIR LITTLE DOOR! THEIR NUTS ARE PILED HIGH ON THE FLOOR!

WHAM! WHACK! AS DONALD CHOPS THE TREE, THEY'RE SHAKEN UP CONSIDERABLY!

THEY FALL OUT THROUGH THE KNOTHOLE WHEN THE DUCK PICKS UP THE LOG... AND THEN ...


THEY FOLLOW HIM RIGHT THROUGH THE DOOR! THOSE LITTLE CHIPMUNKS SURE ARE SORE!
"IF WE CAN'T STOP THIS FIENDISH BLOKE," CHIP SAYS, "OUR NUTS GO UP IN SMOKE!" BZZ..BZZ..THEY PLAN...
ONE WAITS UNTIL THE OTHER SCAMPERS UP THE HILL!
DALE STARTS A SNOWBALL, FOR HE KNOWS IT WILL GROW BIGGER AS IT GOES!
AND CHIP KNOCKS LOUDLY ON THE DOOR! HE POUNDS UNTIL HIS PAWS ARE SORE!
TO DONALD IT'S A TAPPING SOUND! HE'S STARTLED AND HE LOOKS AROUND!
HE OPENS UP THE DOOR.. AND SMASH THE SNOWBALL COMES IN WITH A CRASH!
WHILE DONALD SPUTTERS IN THE SNOW, THE CHIPMUNKS TAKE THEIR LOG... AND GO!

Walt Disney's
DONALD DUCK
THE GHOST OF KAMIKAZE RIDGE
IN DUCKBURG, THE FIRST SNOWFALL IS A DAY STEEPED IN TIME-HONORED TRADITION!
OBOY! IT'S TIME TO SNUGGLE UP NEXT TO A COZY FIRE IN THE HEARTH!
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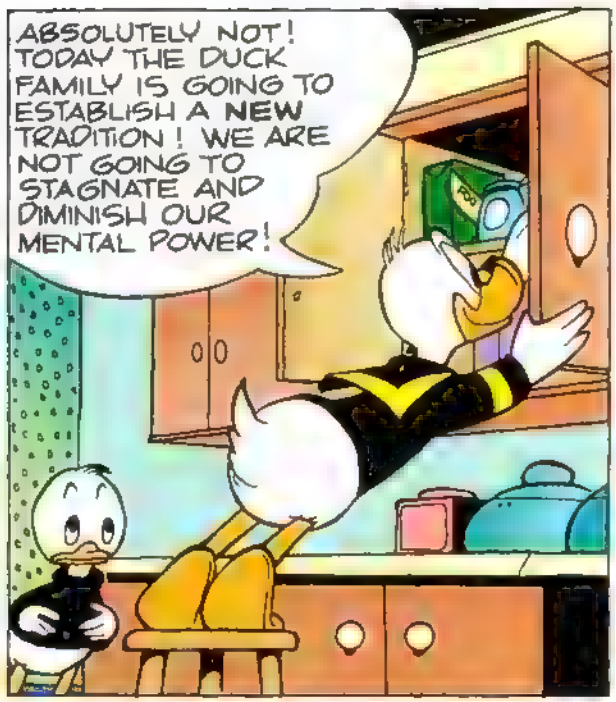
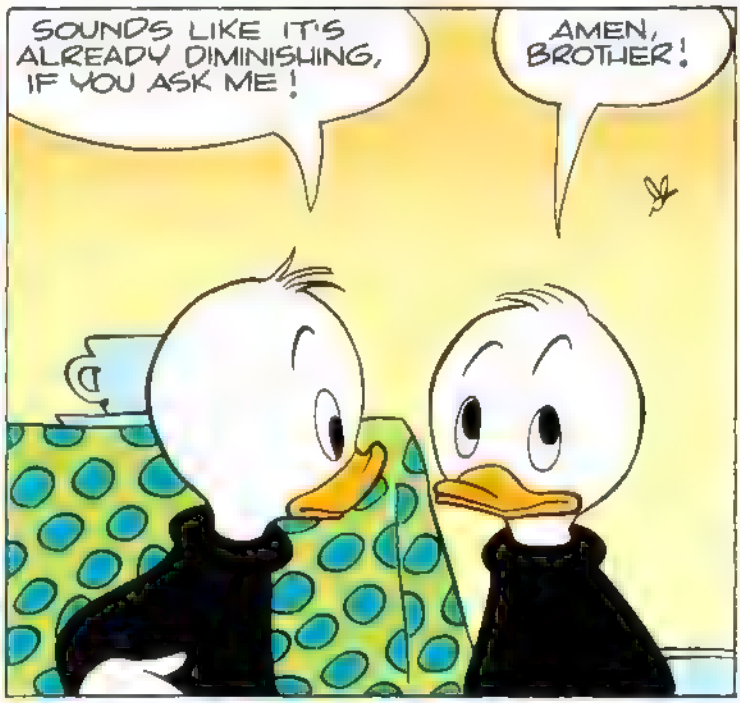
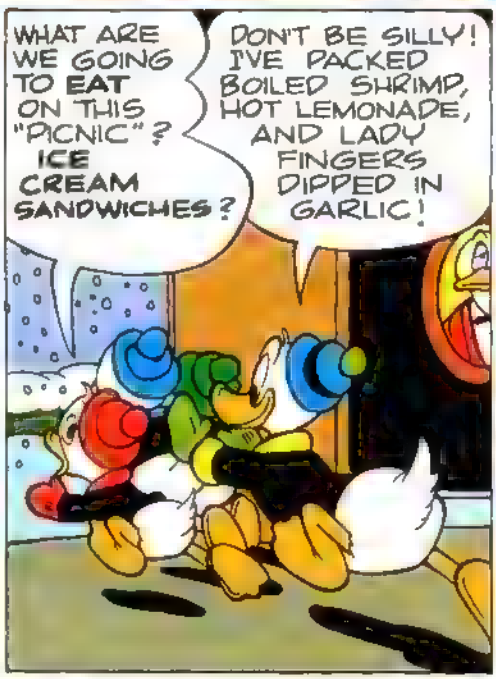
IT'S TIME TO ROAST CHESTNUTS AND DRINK HOT COCOA, TOO!
YEAH! AND READ HEART-WARMING STORIES ABOUT MIAMI!
JUST LIKE WE DO EVERY YEAR!
IT'S A DUCKBURG TRADITION!
ISN'T IT, UNCA DONALD?
YOUR STAGNANT EXISTENCE
NOT THIS YEAR IT ISN'T!
IT ISN'T?
WHY ISN'T IT?
TODAY IS THE FIRST SNOWFALL!

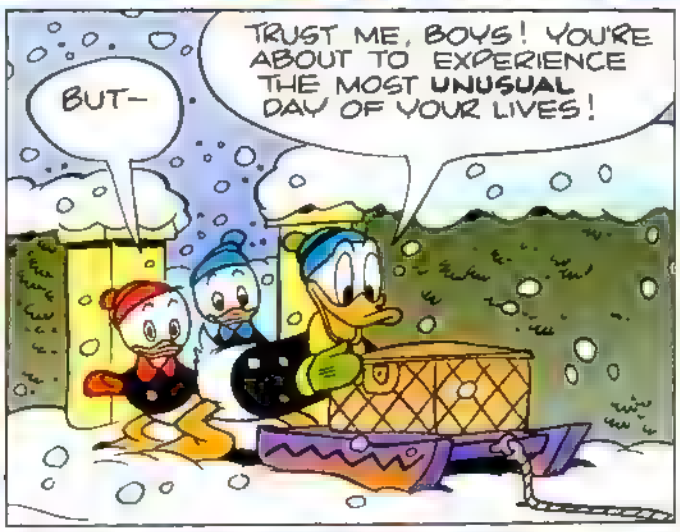
BECAUSE WE DO THAT SAME DUMB OLD STUFF EVERY YEAR!
OF COURSE, UNCA DONALD! IT'S TRADITIONAL! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THOSE THINGS!
YOUR STAGNANT EXISTENCE
THAT'S NOT WHAT PROFESSOR DOLDRUM J. TAPIOCA THINKS! ACCORDING TO HIM, WE HAVE STAGNATED! OUR TRADITIONS HAVE BECOME ORDINARY AND PREDICTABLE! IN SHORT- STAGNANT!
YOUR STAGNANT EXISTENCE by PROF DOLDRUM J. TAPIOCA
LISTEN TO WHAT HE SAYS ON PAGE 612! "STAGNATION LEADS DIRECTLY TO A GENERAL DIMINISHING OF MENTAL POWER!"
???
IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THE TRADITIONAL THINGS TODAY, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
WE ARE GOING ON A PICNIC!
A PICNIC?
BUT IT'S FIVE BELOW ZERO OUTSIDE!
NOBODY GOES ON PICNICS IN WEATHER LIKE THIS!
WHICH IS EXACTLY WHY WE'RE GOING TO DO IT! AFTER ALL- ANY FOOL CAN GO ON A PICNIC ON A WARM SUMMER DAY!
AND YOU'RE NOT JUST ANY FOOL, ARE YOU, UNCA DONALD?


ABSOLUTELY NOT! TODAY THE DUCK FAMILY IS GOING TO ESTABLISH A NEW TRADITION! WE ARE NOT GOING TO STAGNATE AND DIMINISH OUR MENTAL POWER!



NO AMOUNT OF PLEADING CAN CHANGE DONALD'S MIND!


WHAT ARE WE GOING TO EAT ON THIS "PICNIC"? ICE CREAM SANDWICHES?
DON'T BE SILLY! I'VE PACKED BOILED SHRIMP, HOT LEMONADE, AND LADY FINGERS DIPPED IN GARLIC!



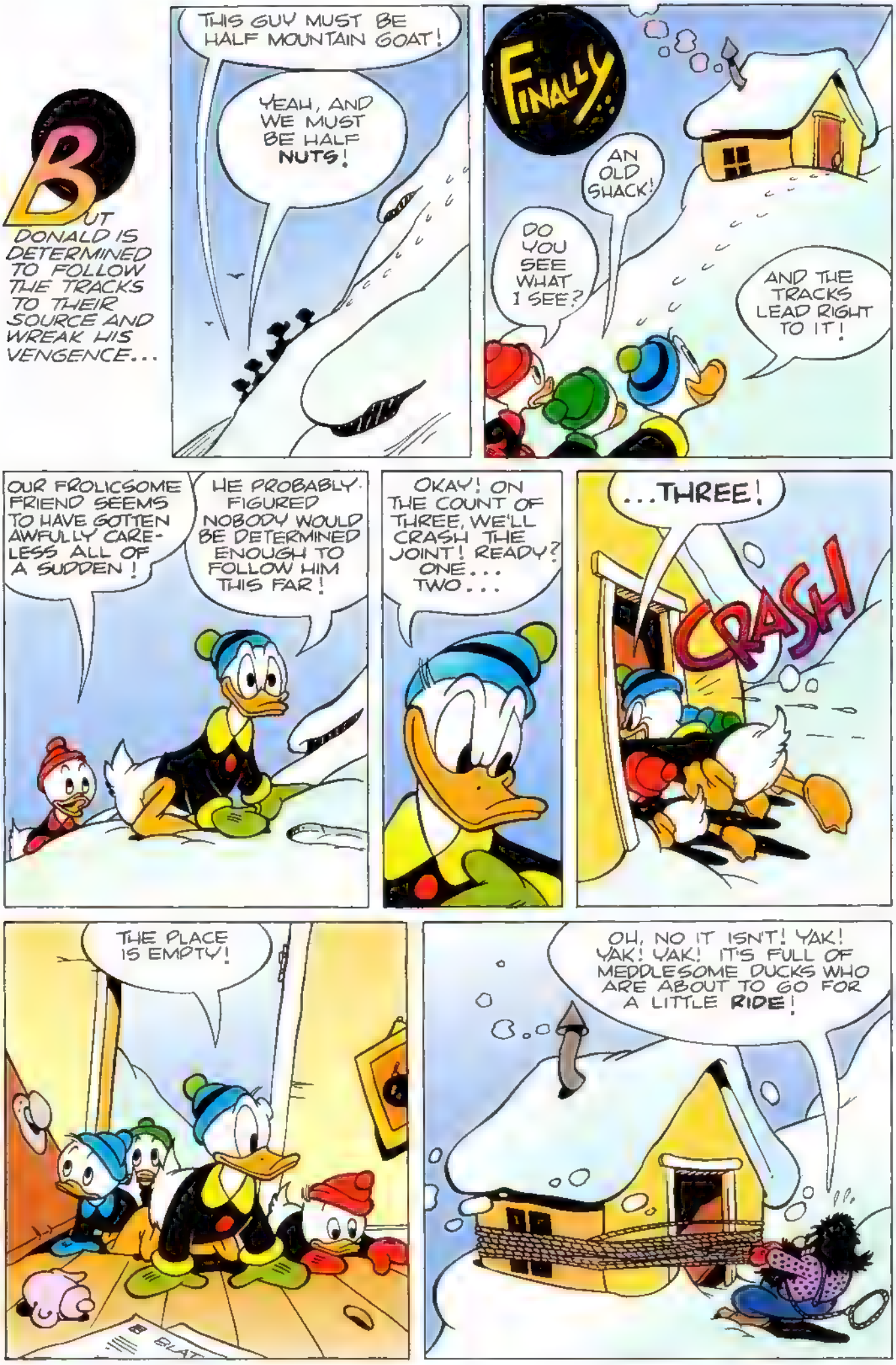
KAMIKAZE RIDGE?
NOBODY PICNICS UP THERE! NOT EVEN ON WARM SUMMER DAYS!
THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING THERE! PROFESSOR TAPIOCA SAYS TO ALWAYS DO THE UNEXPECTED! THAT WAY YOU'LL NEVER STAGNATE!
WE'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT STAGNATING ON KAMIKAZE RIDGE, UNCA DONALD!
WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT SURVIVING!
STRANGE THINGS HAPPEN TO PEOPLE WHO GO UP THERE!
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE HAUNTED!
HORSEFEATHERS! BESIDES - EVEN IF IT IS, NO HAUNT IN ITS RIGHT MIND WOULD BE DOING BUSINESS IN THIS WEATHER!
OF COURSE, DONALD COULD BE WRONG!
AH! SETTLED AT LAST! PASS ME THE...
OWOO!
WHAT THE BLAZES?
UNCA DONALD!
LOOK OUT!
RUMBLE...

LOOK OUT FOR WHAT?
WOOO
FLUMF
THAT!
WHAT ON EARTH MADE THAT NOISE?
I NEVER HEARD OF A HOWLING SNOWBALL BEFORE!
THAT WAS JUST THE WIND! THEY DON'T CALL THIS KAMIKAZE RIDGE FOR NOTHING! NOW PASS THE...
RUMBLE
UH-OH! HERE COMES ANOTHER ONE!
OWOOOOOO
PLIP
PLIP
PHOOEY! THAT WAS JUST A LITTLE ONE!
OH, YEAH? I'M BIG ENOUGH TO TELL YOU TO GO PEDDLE YOUR PAPERS, QUACKFACE! YOU'RE NOT WANTED UP HERE!
!!!

THERE'S SOMETHING SCREWY ABOUT THIS! WHO EVER HEARD OF A TALKING SNOWBALL?
YIPES!
FLOOF
I WONDER WHAT PROFESSOR TAPIOCA WOULD HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS?
SCREECH! HELP!
HE'D SAY PULL ME UP, AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!
SOON
WERE WE HEARING THINGS, OR DID THAT SNOWBALL REALLY TALK?
WE MUST HAVE BEEN HEARING THINGS!
EITHER THAT, GUYS, OR THIS PLACE REALLY IS HAUNTED!

YE CATS! THERE IT GOES AGAIN!
YOO HOO! I'M OVER HERE!
NOW IT'S COMING FROM BEHIND THOSE ROCKS!
THIS WHOLE BUSINESS IS PHONIER THAN A TWO-CENT PANCAKE! YOU BOYS AROUND TO THE RIGHT! I'LL GO THIS WAY AND WE'LL TRAP OUR SO-CALLED "GHOST"!
HEE HEE... HEE
HMM! THERE'S NOTHING BACK HERE BUT AN OLD TREE TRUNK!
ZIP
BONK
FUNNY! I DON'T REMEMBER THAT BRANCH BEING THERE A MINUTE AGO!
IF JUST ONE MORE SCREWY THING HAPPENS TO ME TODAY, I'LL START WORLD WAR THREE!
CLONK
ZIP

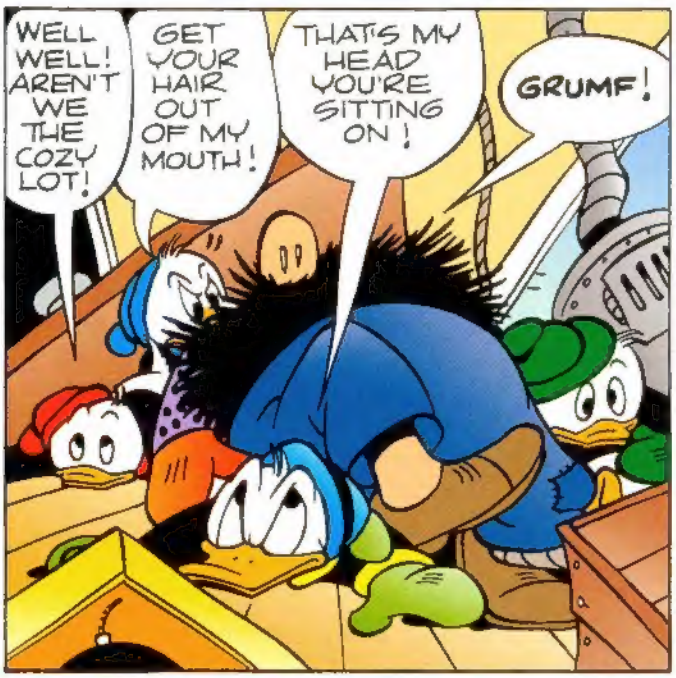
WE COULDN'T GET AROUND THE ROCKS, UNCA DONALD! WHAT'S ALL THE YELLING ABOUT?
RANT! RAVE!
I'VE BEEN ATTACKED **TWICE** BY THAT SIMPLE-MINDED OLD TREE TRUNK OVER THERE!
WHAT OLD TREE TRUNK?
WAK! IT'S **GONE**!
OLD TREE TRUNKS DON'T WALK AROUND IN THE SNOW!
AND EVEN IF THEY DID- THEY WOULDN'T LEAVE SIZE **16** BOOT TRACKS! LOOK!
SOMEONE UP HERE IS TRYING TO **SPOIL** OUR PICNIC!
OH, RIGHT!
BUT **WHO**? AND **WHY**?
WHO CARES! I VOTE WE GO HOME AND ENJOY WHAT'S LEFT OF THE DAY!
YEAH! WE HAVEN'T EVEN **EATEN** YET!

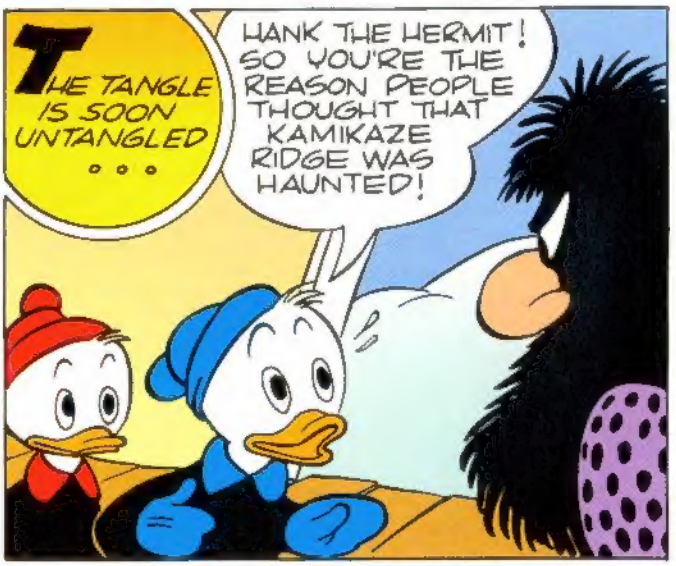

BUT DONALD IS DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THE TRACKS TO THEIR SOURCE AND WREAK HIS VENGENCE...
THIS GUY MUST BE HALF MOUNTAIN GOAT!
YEAH, AND WE MUST BE HALF NUTS!
FINALLY...
AN OLD SHACK!
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
AND THE TRACKS LEAD RIGHT TO IT!
OUR FROLICSOME FRIEND SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN AWFULLY CARELESS ALL OF A SUDDEN!
HE PROBABLY FIGURED NOBODY WOULD BE DETERMINED ENOUGH TO FOLLOW HIM THIS FAR!
OKAY! ON THE COUNT OF THREE, WE'LL CRASH THE JOINT! READY? ONE... TWO...
...THREE!
CRASH
THE PLACE IS EMPTY!
SPLAT
OH, NO IT ISN'T! YAK! YAK! YAK! IT'S FULL OF MEDDLESOME DUCKS WHO ARE ABOUT TO GO FOR A LITTLE RIDE!

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
LET US OUT OF HERE, YOU FURRY PALOOKA!
BON VOYAGE, BOYS! HANK THE HERMIT HOPES HE SEES YOU NEVER!
SCRUF
BUT ALAS, EVEN THE BEST LAID PLANS CAN GO KAPUT...
YA HA HA HA —
YOOP!
HELP!
HELP!
IF ONLY THE PROFESSOR COULD SEE US NOW!
BUMP
MOTHER TOLD ME THERE WOULD BE DAYS LIKE THIS!
WHIP

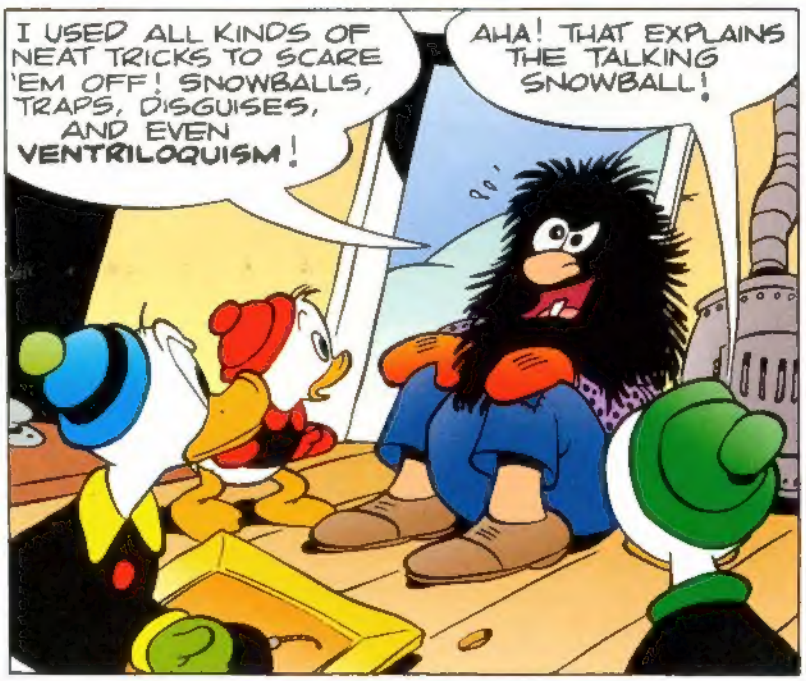
CRASH

KARUMF


WELL WELL! AREN'T WE THE COZY LOT!
GET YOUR HAIR OUT OF MY MOUTH!
THAT'S MY HEAD YOU'RE SITTING ON!
GRUMF!


THE TANGLE IS SOON UNTANGLED . . .
HANK THE HERMIT! SO YOU'RE THE REASON PEOPLE THOUGHT THAT KAMIKAZE RIDGE WAS HAUNTED!

YEP! I HATE PEOPLE! IT WAS A GOOD WAY TO KEEP 'EM OUT OF MY HAIR!


I USED ALL KINDS OF NEAT TRICKS TO SCARE 'EM OFF! SNOWBALLS, TRAPS, DISGUISES, AND EVEN VENTRILOQUISM!
AHA! THAT EXPLAINS THE TALKING SNOWBALL!

YEAH, EVERYTHING WAS PEACHES UP HERE UNTIL YOU GUYS HORNED IN! NOW MY FONDEST WINTER TRADITION IS KAPUT!
TRADITION? WHAT TRADITION?
EVERY DING-DONG YEAR SINCE 1946 I'VE HAD MYSELF AN ANNUAL FIRST SNOWFALL PICNIC!
AND THIS YEAR YOU GUYS RUINED IT!
AND SO-
ARE THERE ANY OTHER TRADITIONS YOU'D CARE TO START, UNCA DONALD?
YEAH! JUST ONE! I'M GOING HOME AND STAGNATE BY A COZY FIRE AND NOT HEAR ANOTHER WORD ABOUT TRADITIONS!
THE END

"Fancy gimmicks fool folks for a while, but in the long run, substance wins over style!"—Uncle Scrooge, illustrating how both he and the better comic book publishers make it square, from *Walt Disney's Comics and Stories* 659. Michael T. Gilbert and William Van Horn's Donald Duck romp, "That Ol' Soft Soap," is far more a product of its time—the early 1990s—than initially meets the eye. Substituting soap for comic books, Gilbert takes aim at an industry which, at the time, provided its more ardent enthusiasts with multiple versions of the same interior content with only a variation in the art, texture, or color of the cover... and even sealed, pre-bagged issues, most of which have never been opened or read by anyone!

Given the mad fervor of the time, Donald's soap, which sports a new wrapper (cover?) every hour and is released in signed and numbered, exclusive editions could easily have thrived in the world of 1991. Stories like this demonstrate a strength that should be seen more often in comic books of every genre: the ability to utilize multiple levels of storytelling. One need not be aware of the parallels to comic book collecting *circa* 1991 to appreciate the humor and satire in the tale of Donald's Supremo Soap, but it's a nice extra for those who are. Finally, I cannot imagine a better choice to depict the exchange between the two loony, argumentative "soap collectors" than William Van Horn.

—Joe Torcivia
via email

I enjoy your Disney comics, especially the crossover story that you're publishing in *WDC&S* [Mythos Island]. Are you planning on reprinting it in a graphic novel form when it's finished? I think it would be cool if you did. I haven't seen so many Disney characters in one story since "Uncle Scrooge Meets the Phantom Blot" back in *Uncle Scrooge Adventures* 23. You should do more Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse crossover stories.

—Roger North
via email

I liked seeing Marco Rota's "Blazing Tastebuds" as the lead this month. His art and stories are always great, and he's one of the few modern Disney creators who have mastered the long and short story format. I was also glad to see the Van Horn reprint, "That Old Soft Soap," which is a classic among Donald's many business failures.

This month's sixth Mythos Island installment was enjoyable, but not chapter five. I really hate modern Mickey and Donald pairings, mainly because the writers seem to think they're using Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck. Donald calling Mickey "Mouse," looking like a moron compared to Mickey's cool-headedness. I guess there's a reason mouse/duck pairings are a rarity!

—Thad Komorowski
via email

Now I know another reason why Mythos Island continues to crumble into the sea: the combined weight of the characters clambering onto it is getting to be too much to bear. In chapters five and six of the ongoing saga (*WDC&S* 659), Scrooge, Donald, HD&L, Mickey, Goofy, Pluto, Minnie, and Daisy all either return to the mythological menagerie or experience it for the first time. Soon enough, Doc Static and Gyro Gearloose are going to join the crowd. Then what? With so many characters involved—and that's before we start counting the banshees, centaurs, genii, and such—the concluding four chapters could wind up resembling "Donald and Mickey's All-Star Myth-O-Lympics." Well, Pat and Carol McGreal are too clever and accomplished to blithely fall into that trap. But where is the promised article in which the writers discuss the origins of the story and the sources of all those mythological beasts?

The best thing in the rest of the issue was the reprint of the acid-etched "That Ol' Soft Soap." Knowing what we now know about the profound damage that hologram covers, forever-sealed first issues, black-bagged "death issues" (with accompanying black armbands and cardboard tombstones!), and similar trickery wrought on the comics industry during the 1990s, Michael T. Gilbert's send up of collector excess shows a prescience that's little short of amazing.

—Chris Barat
via email

Sadly, other commitments kept the McGreals from completing their article in time. Perhaps it can go in that proposed graphic novel collection?

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